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Synopsis of House Amendments

(This synopsis addresses amendments adopted in the House Health Provider Services Committee and on the House Floor.)

S.B. 211 of the 135th General Assembly

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9-8-8 hotline system

Includes in the Senate-passed version provisions relating to the 9-8-8 hotline system, including those that do the following:

Adds 9-8-8 suicide and crisis response to the powers and duties of the Director of Mental Health and Addiction Services.

Establishes a 9-8-8 Administrator within the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to oversee the administration of the 9-8-8 Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Crisis Hotline System (9-8-8 Hotline) statewide.

Requires the 9-8-8 Administrator to submit an annual report to the General Assembly and the Governor regarding the operation of the 9-8-8 Hotline.

Creates the 9-8-8 Fund in the state treasury, consisting of money from sources, including appropriations from the General Assembly, to be used to oversee and administer the 9-8-8 Hotline.

Exempts certain companies and affiliated individuals and entities from liability in a civil action for damages resulting from the companies' or affiliates' acts or omissions in connection with the 9-8-8 Hotline.