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MEMORANDUM

February 9, 2010

SUBJECT: Sectional Summary (SB 219 (Work Order No. 26-LS1312\R))

TO: Senator Lesil McGuire

Attn: Esther Cha

FROM: Jean M. Mischel

Legislative Counsel

You have requested a sectional summary of the above-described bill.

As a preliminary matter, note that a sectional summary of a bill should not be considered an authoritative interpretation of the bill and the bill itself is the best statement of its contents. If you would like an interpretation of the bill as it may apply to a particular set of circumstances, please advise.

<u>Section 1.</u> Adds longitudinal data on traumatic or acquired brain injury from the registry established under sec. 5 of the bill to the list of databases that the Department of Health and Social Services is authorized to collect, analyze, and maintain.

<u>Section 2.</u> Adds case management services for traumatic or acquired brain injury to the optional services provided to recipients of state medical assistance (Medicaid).

<u>Section 3.</u> Defines "case management services for traumatic or acquired brain injury" and "traumatic or acquired brain injury" for purposes of the optional services added by sec. 2 of the bill.

<u>Section 4.</u> Requires the Department of Health and Social Services to provide medical assistance services under a waiver if approved by the federal government and if the legislature appropriates necessary funding for the services.

<u>Section 5.</u> Establishes a statewide traumatic or acquired brain injury program in the Department of Health and Social Services to evaluate the effectiveness and availability of information and services for the prevention and treatment of traumatic or acquired brain injury in the state. Requires consultation and collaboration with public and private entities to fulfill a list of programmatic requirements including development of a statewide service delivery plan and registry of information and evaluation of current laws and standards pertaining to traumatic or acquired brain injury.

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