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MEMORANDUM

March 15, 2017

SUBJECT: Explanation of changes (CSSB 91(HSS);
Work Order No. 30-GS1127J)

TO: Senator David Wilson
Attn: Jody Simpson

FROM: Kate S. Glover 
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The committee substitute you requested is attached. The committee requested a memo explaining the changes made to the bill. This memo explains the changes, all of which were requested by the committee or are conforming or technical amendments.

Title: The title has been changed to reflect the contents of the bill.

Section 1: Several changes have been made in this section. In proposed AS 17.20.085(d), "department" was added after "chief medical officer." Note that in AS 17.20.135, "department" is defined, for purposes of the article, to mean the Department of Health and Social Services.

A new subsection, proposed AS 17.20.085(e) has also been added. This is the section requiring the department to submit a report regarding substance abuse and mental health services administration grants, which was in uncodified law in version "D" of the bill. Since the reports are now annual, and there is no end date for the requirement, this now appears as a section of codified law. In addition, the reference to the "disaster emergency extended under this section" has been changed to "the opioid epidemic." Since the bill no longer extends the disaster emergency, the disaster emergency ends 30 days after the governor declared it, and referring to "the disaster emergency" would not make sense.

Section 2: No changes were made to this section.

Section 3: Section 3 in version "D" of the bill was the uncodified section of law extending the disaster emergency. That section has been deleted, and, as noted above, the report requirement moved to codified law. Section 3 in version "J" of the bill is a retroactivity clause, which makes the Act retroactive to March 15, 2017. The committee did not request any changes to the retroactivity clause, and none were made.

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Section 4. Section 4, in version "J" of the bill, provides an immediate effective date, which was section 5 of version "D" of the bill. No changes were requested to the effective date clause, and none were made.

If I may be of further assistance, please advise.

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