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**Senate Bill 1339 [Pippy]**

Senate Bill 1339 pertains to the sale or lease of a State-owned mental health facility in a Second Class County. SB 1339 would require that the net proceeds from the sale be placed in a newly created "Mental Health and Retardation Services Account," which would be held by the State Treasury. The Department of Public Welfare would be responsible for distributing these funds as follows: 50% must be used for mental health services in the geographical area in which the facility served and 50% must be used for mental retardation services in the same area. These funds are meant to provide additional dollars for MH/MR services in the service region of the closed facility; and any existing funding for MH/MR services in the service area cannot be reduced because of funds in the Account. Senate Bill 1339 is currently under review by the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee.