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## **OLR Bill Analysis**

### **HB 7215**

#### ***AN ACT CONCERNING PROBLEM GAMING.***

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill requires the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) to create a program providing prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation services for people and families in the state impacted by Internet gaming disorder. Under the bill, this is a disorder in which someone is chronically and progressively preoccupied with video games and the urge to play and shows behavior that compromises or harms personal, family, or vocational pursuits.

The bill allows the DMHAS commissioner to (1) enter into agreements with subregional planning and action councils (presumably, regional behavioral health action organizations) and nonprofits to help provide these services and (2) charge a reasonable sliding scale fee to program participants who can afford to pay.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2025

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 20    Nay 10    (03/27/2025)