

Major Cuts Could Come to the Department of Mental Health

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Major cuts and layoffs could be on the way to the Alabama Department of Mental Health - if voters do not approve a constitutional amendment this September.

The constitutional amendment allows the transfer of about \$150,000,000 to the state general fund budget.

The commissioner of the Department of Mental Health, Zelia Baugh says if voters don't pass the amendment - the department's budget would be cut close to \$20,000,000. That in turn would be devastating to mental health community centers and the loss of thousands of jobs.

The special election is scheduled for September 18th.