

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 2036

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An Act relating to mental health workers; creating a revolving fund for the Oklahoma State University Medical Authority; creating a pilot program designed by the Oklahoma State University Medical Authority; providing purpose of pilot program; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3278.1 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the Oklahoma State University Medical Authority, to be designated the "Oklahoma State University Medical Authority Behavioral Health Workforce Development Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of appropriated revenues and private endowments. All monies accruing to the credit of said fund are hereby appropriated and may

1 be budgeted and expended by the Oklahoma State University Medical
2 Authority for the purpose of designing and implementing a pilot
3 program at behavioral health facilities, the purpose of which is to
4 provide for behavioral health workforce development and access to
5 behavioral health professionals as provided by law. The purpose of
6 the pilot program includes, but is not limited to, bed conversion
7 and new beds; renovations at behavioral health facilities to
8 accommodate new licensed acute or residential treatment beds;
9 reallocation of beds from adult acute to child/adolescent acute
10 beds; relocation assistance for licensed behavioral health staff
11 currently living out of state; upskilling existing behavioral health
12 workforce; adding new psychiatric residents; and creating a
13 behavioral health trauma fund for intensive home and community-based
14 services. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants
15 issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by
16 law with the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise
17 Services for approval and payment.

18 B. The Oklahoma State University Medical Authority shall
19 prepare a report for the Legislature on the results of the first
20 year of funding, including the number of professionals retained and
21 recruited, and the expected benefits of the program. The report
22 shall be delivered to relevant health care committee and
23 appropriations subcommittee chairs following the first full year of
24 implementation.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2023.

2 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
3 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
4 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
5 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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