

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 2175

By: Roe

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An Act relating to public health and safety; amending 63 O.S. 2021, Section 1-2733, which relates to mental health loan repayment revolving fund; renaming the revolving fund; expanding the purpose of the fund; requiring application for funding from other state, tribal, and federal funding; directing promulgation of rules; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 1-2733, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1-2733. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the State Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse to be designated the "~~Mental Health Loan Repayment Revolving Fund~~ Behavioral Health Workforce Development Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all monies deposited to the credit of the fund by law. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the

1 State Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services for  
2 the purpose of repaying mental health and substance treatment  
3 provider student loans, increasing the number of psychiatric  
4 residencies, expanding licensure cohorts to increase the number of  
5 master's level clinicians, and developing training, recruitment and  
6 supervision capacity. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon  
7 warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as  
8 prescribed by law with the Director of the Office of Management and  
9 Enterprise Services for approval and payment.

10 B. The State Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse  
11 Services shall make every attempt to work with health care loan  
12 repayment programs operated by other states, tribal, and federal  
13 agencies, including applying for matching federal grants, with the  
14 goal of maximizing and coordinating resources to fill gaps in loan  
15 repayment availability for critically-needed mental health  
16 professions.

17 C. The Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services  
18 shall promulgate rules to effectuate the provisions of this section.

19 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.  
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