

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 2036

By: Boatman of the House

and

Haste of the Senate

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7 An Act relating to mental health workers; creating a
8 revolving fund for the Oklahoma State University
9 Medical Authority; creating a pilot program designed
10 by the Oklahoma State University Medical Authority;
11 providing purpose of pilot program; requiring
12 preparation of certain report; providing for
13 codification; providing an effective date; and
14 declaring an emergency.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Passed the House of Representatives the 13th day of March, 2023.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2023.

Presiding Officer of the Senate