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**AS AMENDED**

By: Boatman, Provenzano,  
Alonso-Sandoval, and Deck  
of the House

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Senate

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[ mental health workforce development - revolving
fund - purpose -
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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1.           AMENDATORY           Section 1, Chapter 112, O.S.L.  
2023 (63 O.S. Supp. 2023, Section 3278.1), is amended to read as  
follows:

Section 3278.1 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

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

23 B. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving  
24 fund for the University Hospitals Authority to be designated the

1 "University Hospitals Authority Behavioral Health Workforce  
2 Development Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject  
3 to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of appropriated  
4 revenues and private endowments. All monies accruing to the credit  
5 of said fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and  
6 expended by the University Hospitals Authority for the purpose of  
7 designing and implementing a pilot program at behavioral health  
8 facilities, the purpose of which is to provide for behavioral health  
9 workforce development and access to behavioral health professionals  
10 as provided by law. The purpose of the pilot program includes, but  
11 is not limited to, bed conversion and new beds; renovations at  
12 behavioral health facilities to accommodate new licensed acute or  
13 residential treatment beds; reallocation of beds from adult acute to  
14 child/adolescent acute beds; relocation assistance for licensed  
15 behavioral health staff currently living out of state; upskilling  
16 existing behavioral health workforce; adding new psychiatric and  
17 psychological residencies, internships and post-doctoral training  
18 programs; providing social work scholarships; providing mental  
19 health nursing scholarships; creating one-time private-sector  
20 workforce innovation grants; providing licensure preparation  
21 assistance; and creating a behavioral health trauma fund for  
22 intensive home and community-based services. Expenditures from the  
23 fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer  
24 against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of the

1 Office of Management and Enterprise Services for approval and  
2 payment.

3 ~~B.~~ C. The Oklahoma State University Medical Authority and the  
4 University Hospitals Authority shall prepare a report for the  
5 Legislature on the results of the first year of funding, including  
6 the number of professionals retained and recruited, and the expected  
7 benefits of the program. The report shall be delivered to relevant  
8 health care committee and appropriations subcommittee chairs  
9 following the first full year of implementation.

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

14 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS  
15 April 18, 2024 - DO PASS AS AMENDED  
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