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AS AMENDED ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, JUNE 6, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), entitled
2 "An act relating to the finances of the State government;
3 providing for cancer control, prevention and research, for
4 ambulatory surgical center data collection, for the Joint
5 Underwriting Association, for entertainment business
6 financial management firms, for private dam financial
7 assurance and for reinstatement of item vetoes; providing for
8 the settlement, assessment, collection, and lien of taxes,
9 bonus, and all other accounts due the Commonwealth, the
10 collection and recovery of fees and other money or property
11 due or belonging to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof,
12 including escheated property and the proceeds of its sale,
13 the custody and disbursement or other disposition of funds
14 and securities belonging to or in the possession of the
15 Commonwealth, and the settlement of claims against the
16 Commonwealth, the resettlement of accounts and appeals to the
17 courts, refunds of moneys erroneously paid to the
18 Commonwealth, auditing the accounts of the Commonwealth and
19 all agencies thereof, of all public officers collecting
20 moneys payable to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof,
21 and all receipts of appropriations from the Commonwealth,
22 authorizing the Commonwealth to issue tax anticipation notes
23 to defray current expenses, implementing the provisions of
24 section 7(a) of Article VIII of the Constitution of
25 Pennsylvania authorizing and restricting the incurring of
26 certain debt and imposing penalties; affecting every
27 department, board, commission, and officer of the State
28 government, every political subdivision of the State, and

1 certain officers of such subdivisions, every person,
2 association, and corporation required to pay, assess, or
3 collect taxes, or to make returns or reports under the laws
4 imposing taxes for State purposes, or to pay license fees or
5 other moneys to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof,
6 every State depository and every debtor or creditor of the
7 Commonwealth," in emergency COVID-19 response, providing for
8 adult mental health program funding; in 2022-2023 budget
9 implementation, repealing provisions relating to Department
10 of Human Services; and making appropriations.

11 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
12 hereby enacts as follows:

13 Section 1. The act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known
14 as The Fiscal Code, is amended by adding a section to read:

15 Section 164-C. Adult mental health program funding.

16 (a) Findings and purpose.--The General Assembly finds and
17 declares as follows:

18 (1) The Behavioral Health Commission for Adult Mental
19 Health established under section 163-C was charged with
20 making recommendations for the allocation of funding in the
21 following 10 priority areas:

22 (i) Delivery of services by telemedicine.

23 (ii) Behavioral health rates, network adequacy and
24 mental health payment parity.

25 (iii) Workforce development and retention.

26 (iv) Expansion of certified peer support specialist
27 services and peer-run services.

28 (v) The development and provision of crisis
29 services.

30 (vi) The integration of behavioral health and
31 substance use disorder treatment.

32 (vii) Cultural competencies when providing
33 behavioral health care.

34 (viii) The impact of social determinants of health
35 on behavioral health.

1 (ix) The intersection of behavioral health and the
2 criminal justice system.

3 (x) Establishing an integrated care model that can
4 deliver timely psychiatric care in a primary care
5 setting.

6 (2) The Behavioral Health Commission for Adult Mental
7 Health determined that intersectionality between the 10
8 priority areas indicates that investment in one sector will
9 have impacts in others and recommended that funding awards
10 should prioritize culturally responsive initiatives that
11 promote equity in historically under-resourced communities.

12 (3) The Behavioral Health Commission for Adult Mental
13 Health recommended categorizing the 10 priority areas in
14 three overarching categories:

15 (i) Increasing workforce development programs and
16 incentives.

17 (ii) Expanding criminal justice and public safety
18 programs.

19 (iii) Expanding mental health services and supports.

20 (4) The purpose of this section is to allocate funds
21 based on the recommendations of the Behavioral Health
22 Commission for Adult Mental Health to address adult
23 behavioral health needs in the areas of workforce development
24 programs and incentives, criminal justice and expanding
25 mental health services and supports.

26 (b) Use of money.--From money appropriated for COVID-Relief
27 - ARPA - Adult Mental Health Programs, the sum of \$100,000,000
28 shall be used for the purposes specified in subsections (c),
29 (d), (e) and (f).

30 (c) Workforce.--The sum of \$34,000,000 is to be used for the

1 purpose of retaining existing behavioral health staff and
2 providers, incentive programs and opportunities for staff to
3 develop skills as follows:

4 (1) The sum of ~~\$15,000,000~~ \$12,000,000 to the Department <--
5 of Labor and Industry to establish a program to award
6 competitive grants, in consultation with the Department of
7 Human Services and the Department of Health, to partnerships
8 of eligible applicants for training, recruiting and retention
9 strategies for professionals in behavioral health settings.

10 The following apply:

11 (i) Eligible applicants include:

12 (A) Employers of behavioral health
13 professionals.

14 (B) County mental health administrations.

15 (C) Local workforce development boards.

16 (D) Institutions of higher education, including
17 community colleges.

18 (E) Training providers.

19 (F) Community-based organizations.

20 (G) Employers of community health workers, as
21 defined in 42 U.S.C. § 280g-11(k)(1) (relating to
22 grants to promote positive health behaviors and
23 outcomes).

24 (ii) Grant money may be used to:

25 (A) Develop, expand or enhance training
26 programs, including apprenticeships or other earn and
27 learn models, scholarships, tuition assistance and
28 paid field placements, including internships,
29 residencies and fellowships.

30 (B) Assist with costs relating to supervision,

1 certifications, tests and other fees.

2 (C) Develop recruitment and retention
3 strategies, including one-time payments and other
4 recruitment and retention initiatives.

5 (iii) The Department of Labor and Industry shall
6 develop grant guidelines, a grant application and a
7 process to review applications.

8 (iv) Priority shall be given to grant applications
9 that support underserved populations and communities and
10 demonstrate high need for partnerships in behavioral
11 health settings.

12 (v) The Department of Labor and Industry may take a
13 reasonable administrative fee of no more than 5% 2% for <--
14 direct costs associated with the implementation,
15 administration and servicing of this paragraph. The fee
16 shall be taken from the funding received under this
17 paragraph.

18 (2) The sum of \$12,000,000 to the Pennsylvania Higher
19 Education Assistance Agency to expand the School-based Mental
20 Health Internship Grant Program established under section
21 1318-B of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as
22 the Public School Code of 1949, to include internships,
23 fellowships, residencies and other paid workforce
24 opportunities with behavioral health preparation programs and
25 behavioral health settings as follows:

26 (i) The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance
27 Agency shall administer the expanded program and, in its
28 sole discretion, award grants to individuals who submit a
29 completed application and satisfy eligible criteria.

30 (ii) The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance

1 Agency shall establish eligible criteria in order for an
2 individual or program setting to receive a grant under
3 the expanded program.

4 (iii) An eligible individual under this paragraph
5 shall, at a minimum:

6 (A) Be a Commonwealth resident as defined by the
7 Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency.

8 (B) Be enrolled in an eligible program.

9 (C) Enter into a contract with the Pennsylvania
10 Higher Education Assistance Agency to work in this
11 Commonwealth for a minimum of three years following
12 completion of the eligible individual's respective
13 program.

14 (iv) Eligible program settings shall be determined
15 by the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency,
16 in consultation with the Department of Human Services,
17 and shall include:

18 (A) Residential and outpatient behavioral health
19 providers.

20 (B) Psychiatric hospitals and psychiatric
21 practices.

22 (C) County mental health administrations.

23 (D) Service providers that contract with county
24 mental health administrations to deliver behavioral
25 health services.

26 (E) Community-based organizations providing
27 behavioral health services.

28 (F) Federally Qualified Health Centers.

29 (G) CERTIFIED COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
30 CLINICS.

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1 ~~(G)~~ (H) County jails and State correctional <--
2 institutions.
3 (v) Grant money may be used:
4 (A) For tuition assistance.
5 (B) To support paid internships, residency and
6 fellowship placements.
7 (C) For supervision fees and training expenses.
8 (D) For equipment, training and technical
9 assistance to support the eligible individual or
10 program setting, including to expand service delivery
11 using telemedicine.
12 (vi) Priority shall be given to behavioral health
13 preparation programs and behavioral health settings in
14 designated medically underserved or health care <--
15 PROFESSIONAL shortage areas. <--
16 (vii) The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance
17 Agency shall consult with the Department of Human
18 Services in the implementation of the expanded program
19 instead of the advisory committee established under
20 section 1318-B(b) (5) of the Public School Code of 1949.
21 (viii) The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance
22 Agency may take a reasonable administrative fee of no
23 more than 5% 2% for direct costs associated with the <--
24 implementation, administration and servicing of this
25 paragraph. The fee shall be taken from the funding
26 received under this paragraph.
27 (3) The sum of ~~\$7,000,000~~ \$10,000,000 to the Department <--
28 of Health to establish or expand a loan repayment program for
29 eligible applicants serving in county jails, State
30 correctional institutions or designated medically underserved

1 or health care PROFESSIONAL shortage areas. The following <--
2 apply:

3 (i) The program shall be designed to increase the
4 number of mental health care practitioners in designated
5 areas, including activities such as:

6 (A) Reviewing and updating on a regular basis
7 the practice sites eligible for the program.

8 (B) Promoting the recruitment and retention of
9 mental health care practitioners in county jails,
10 State correctional institutions or designated
11 medically underserved or health care shortage areas.

12 (C) To the extent possible, maximizing the
13 Federal funding to achieve the purposes of this
14 paragraph.

15 (ii) An eligible applicant includes an individual
16 who works in an eligible behavioral health services
17 setting as defined by the Department of Health and:

18 (A) has a medical degree from an accredited
19 medical school or osteopathic medical college, has
20 completed an approved residency or fellowship program
21 in psychiatry, is licensed to practice medicine in
22 this Commonwealth and is board certified or board
23 eligible in psychiatry;

24 (B) holds a nursing degree from an accredited
25 nursing program, has completed a training program for
26 nurse practitioners and holds a license in nursing in
27 this Commonwealth;

28 (C) has graduated from an accredited program for
29 physician assistants and holds a license as a
30 physician assistant in this Commonwealth; or

1 (D) is licensed to practice in this Commonwealth
2 as a psychologist, licensed clinical social worker,
3 licensed professional counselor or licensed marriage
4 and family therapist.

5 (iii) Repayment assistance may not be made for a
6 loan that is in default at the time of the application or
7 for a loan being repaid through any other loan repayment
8 assistance program. Repayment shall be made directly to
9 the recipient who shall then repay the financial lending
10 institution.

11 (iv) A recipient of loan repayment assistance under
12 this paragraph shall enter into an agreement with the
13 Department of Health, which shall be considered a legally
14 binding agreement with the Commonwealth and shall include
15 the terms of the Department of Health's Primary Care Loan
16 Repayment Program.

17 (v) Loan repayment assistance may be provided as
18 follows:

19 (A) An individual under subparagraph (ii)(A) and
20 a psychologist under subparagraph (ii)(D) shall be
21 eligible to receive up to \$80,000 in loan repayment
22 assistance.

23 (B) An individual, except for a psychologist,
24 under subparagraph (ii)(B), (C) or (D) shall be
25 eligible to receive up to \$48,000 in loan repayment
26 assistance.

27 (vi) The Department of Health may take a reasonable
28 administrative fee of no more than 5% 2% for direct costs <--
29 associated with the implementation, administration and
30 servicing of this paragraph. The fee shall be taken from

1 the funding received under this paragraph.

2 (d) Expanding criminal justice and public safety programs.--

3 The sum of ~~\$25,500,000~~ \$31,500,000 is to be used for the purpose <--

4 of expanding criminal justice and public safety programs as

5 follows:

6 (1) The sum of \$13,500,000 to the Pennsylvania

7 Commission on Crime and Delinquency to establish a program or

8 programs to award competitive grants to eligible applicants.

9 The following apply:

10 (i) Eligible applicants include:

11 (A) Counties.

12 (B) Nonprofit and community-based organizations.

13 (C) County reentry coalitions.

14 (D) Mental health and substance use disorder
15 providers.

16 (E) Housing authorities.

17 (F) LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.

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18 (ii) Grant money may be used to:

19 (A) Provide comprehensive evidence-based mental
20 health and substance use disorder treatment and
21 support services for incarcerated persons or services
22 for reentrants.

23 (B) Establish or support existing specialty
24 courts and services.

25 (C) Create or expand co-responder models or
26 first responder crisis intervention training.

27 (D) FORENSIC TRANSITION HOUSING.

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28 (iii) The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and
29 Delinquency, in consultation with the Department of Human
30 Services, shall develop grant guidelines, a grant

1 application and a process to review applications.

2 (2) The sum of \$7,000,000 to the Pennsylvania Commission
3 on Crime and Delinquency for prearrest diversion. TO <--
4 ESTABLISH A PREARREST DIVERSION PROGRAM TO AWARD COMPETITIVE
5 GRANTS TO ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS. THE FOLLOWING APPLY:

6 (I) ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS INCLUDE:

7 (A) LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.

8 (B) CRISIS INTERVENTION SERVICE PROVIDERS.

9 (C) BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROVIDERS.

10 (D) NONPROFIT OR COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS.

11 (E) TREATMENT PROVIDERS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
12 PEER-RUN ORGANIZATIONS.

13 (II) GRANT MONEY MAY BE USED FOR:

14 (A) ESTABLISHING OR SUPPORTING CO-RESPONDER
15 MODELS.

16 (B) TRAINING FOR FIRST RESPONDERS OR LAW
17 ENFORCEMENT CRISIS AND DEESCALATION.

18 (C) ESTABLISHING OR SUPPORTING WARM HAND-OFF
19 TRANSFER PROGRAMS.

20 (III) THE PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON CRIME AND
21 DELINQUENCY SHALL DEVELOP GRANT GUIDELINES, A GRANT
22 APPLICATION AND A PROCESS TO REVIEW APPLICATIONS. THE
23 GUIDELINES SHALL GIVE PRIORITY TO APPLICATIONS THAT
24 DEMONSTRATE INNOVATIVE AND COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS.

25 (3) THE SUM OF \$6,000,000 TO THE PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION
26 ON CRIME AND DELINQUENCY TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM OR PROGRAMS
27 TO AWARD ONE-TIME COMPETITIVE GRANTS TO ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS.
28 THE FOLLOWING APPLY:

29 (I) ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS INCLUDE:

30 (A) COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS.

1 (B) LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.

2 (C) VICTIM SERVICES OR ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS.

3 (D) MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS WHO WORK IN TRAUMA
4 INFORMED CARE.

5 (II) GRANT MONEY MAY BE USED FOR:

6 (A) GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND MENTAL HEALTH.

7 (B) TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME
8 AND THE FAMILY OF THE VICTIM.

9 (C) COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND EDUCATION.

10 (III) THE PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON CRIME AND
11 DELINQUENCY SHALL DEVELOP GRANT GUIDELINES, A GRANT
12 APPLICATION AND A PROCESS TO REVIEW APPLICATIONS. THE
13 GUIDELINES SHALL GIVE PRIORITY TO APPLICATIONS THAT
14 DEMONSTRATE INNOVATIVE AND COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS.

15 ~~(3)~~ (4) The sum of \$5,000,000 to the Department of Human <--
16 Services for a one-time criminal justice and public safety
17 payment to each county mental health administration as
18 follows:

19 (i) Divide:

20 (A) the population of a county mental health
21 administration catchment area under the 2020 Federal
22 decennial census; by

23 (B) the total State population.

24 (ii) Multiply:

25 (A) the quotient under subparagraph (i); by

26 (B) \$5,000,000.

27 (iii) A county mental health administration shall
28 not receive less than \$20,000.

29 (iv) A county may use money received under this
30 paragraph:

1 (A) For comprehensive evidence-based mental
2 health and substance use disorder services and
3 supports for incarcerated persons, services for
4 reentry, including partnerships with community-based
5 organizations providing reentry services or supports,
6 case management and service coordination for
7 individuals incarcerated in county jails.

8 (B) To create or expand partnerships with county
9 jails or local law enforcement.

10 (v) Each county mental health administration shall
11 submit a quarterly report accounting for all money
12 received under this paragraph. The accounting shall:

13 (A) Be in a form prescribed by the Department of
14 Human Services.

15 (B) Include, but shall not be limited to, a
16 listing of all expenditures, the status of all
17 unspent money and the impact of money spent.

18 (e) Strengthening and expanding mental health services and
19 supports.--The sum of ~~\$40,000,000~~ \$34,500,000 is to be used to <--
20 ensure the stability and expansion of mental health services and
21 supports as follows:

22 (1) The sum of ~~\$15,000,000~~ \$18,000,000 to the Department <--
23 of Human Services to award competitive grants to county-
24 provider partnerships that support suicide prevention and the
25 crisis continuum of care through investments in mobile crisis
26 teams, medical mobile crisis teams, crisis walk-in centers
27 and crisis stabilization units. The following apply:

28 ~~(i) The Department of Human Services shall develop a <--~~
29 ~~grant application and a process to review applications.~~
30 ~~The process shall give priority to applications that~~

~~demonstrate innovative and collaborative partnerships
between counties or partnerships of counties and other
system partners and providers, including area agencies on
aging, children and youth services, substance use
treatment providers, autism and intellectual and
developmental disabilities service providers, existing
providers of crisis services, including family and peer
advocates, victim services, first responders or criminal
and juvenile justice system leadership.~~

~~(ii) (Reserved).~~

(I) ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS INCLUDE:

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(A) COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATORS.

(B) HOSPITALS OR HEALTH SYSTEMS.

(C) CRISIS INTERVENTION SERVICES PROVIDERS.

(D) LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.

(E) BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROVIDERS.

(F) PEER SUPPORT SPECIALISTS OR OTHER PEER-LED
OR PEER-RUN ORGANIZATIONS.

(II) GRANT MONEY MAY BE USED FOR:

(A) ONE-TIME PAYMENTS FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS TO
ESTABLISH, MODIFY OR IMPROVE FACILITIES TO PROVIDE
CRISIS OR MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT SUPPORTS AND
SERVICES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, CRISIS WALK-
IN CENTERS OR CRISIS STABILIZATION UNITS.

(B) INNOVATIVE INPATIENT/OUTPATIENT MODELS.

(C) CRISIS RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES.

(D) MOBILE CRISIS TEAMS.

(E) COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS.

(III) THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES SHALL DEVELOP
GRANT GUIDELINES, A GRANT APPLICATION AND A PROCESS TO

1 REVIEW APPLICATIONS. THE GUIDELINES SHALL GIVE PRIORITY
2 TO APPLICATIONS THAT DEMONSTRATE INNOVATIVE AND
3 COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN COUNTIES, INCLUDING
4 ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS SPECIFIED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) WITH
5 ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS WHICH MAY INCLUDE, BUT
6 NOT BE LIMITED TO, OTHER SYSTEM PARTNERS AND PROVIDERS,
7 AREA AGENCIES ON AGING, CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES,
8 SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT PROVIDERS, AUTISM AND
9 INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SERVICE
10 PROVIDERS, EXISTING PROVIDERS OF CRISIS SERVICES,
11 INCLUDING FAMILY AND PEER ADVOCATES, VICTIM SERVICES,
12 FIRST RESPONDERS OR CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM
13 LEADERSHIP.

14 (IV) AS USED IN THIS PARAGRAPH, THE TERM "CAPITAL
15 PROJECT" MEANS THE CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR, RENOVATION,
16 IMPROVEMENT, EQUIPPING, FURNISHING OR ACQUISITION OF A
17 BUILDING, STRUCTURE, FACILITY, INFRASTRUCTURE OR PHYSICAL
18 PUBLIC BETTERMENT OR IMPROVEMENT.

19 (2) The sum of \$10,000,000 to the Department of Human
20 Services for a third-party contractor to award grants to
21 support primary care practitioners and primary care practices
22 in establishing or expanding the use of the collaborative
23 care model. A third-party contractor selected may take an
24 administrative fee of no more than 5% 2% for direct costs <--
25 associated with the implementation, administration and
26 servicing of the grants under this paragraph. The following
27 apply:

28 (i) Grants under this paragraph shall be awarded to
29 primary care practitioners and primary care practices to
30 establish and expand the use of the collaborative care

1 model and to entities to provide technical assistance to
2 primary care practitioners and primary care practices on
3 providing behavioral health integration services through
4 the collaborative care model or primary care behavioral
5 health model.

6 (ii) Primary care practitioners and primary care
7 practices may collaborate with a larger health system for
8 the purposes of applying for and implementing grants
9 under this paragraph.

10 (iii) A primary care practitioner or primary care
11 practice that receives a grant under this paragraph may
12 use money received under this paragraph for such purposes
13 as establishing and delivering behavioral health
14 integration services through the collaborative care model
15 or primary care behavioral health model and utilizing
16 telemedicine to deliver behavioral health integration
17 services.

18 (iv) For the purposes of this paragraph, the term
19 "collaborative care model" means the evidence-based,
20 integrated behavioral health service delivery method
21 described in 81 Fed. Reg. 220, 80230 (November 15, 2016).

22 ~~(3) The sum of \$8,000,000 shall be used by the~~ <--
23 ~~Department of Human Services for a one time mental health~~
24 ~~services and support payment to each county mental health~~
25 ~~administration as follows:~~

26 ~~(i) Divide:~~

27 ~~(A) the population of a county mental health~~
28 ~~administration catchment area under the 2020 Federal~~
29 ~~decennial census; by~~

30 ~~(B) the total State population.~~

1 ~~(ii) Multiply:~~

2 ~~(A) the quotient under subparagraph (i); by~~

3 ~~(B) \$8,000,000.~~

4 ~~(iii) A county mental health administration shall~~
5 ~~not receive less than \$30,000.~~

6 ~~(iv) A county may use money received under this~~
7 ~~paragraph to expand behavioral health services and~~
8 ~~supports with particular attention to, at a minimum, one~~
9 ~~of the following:~~

10 ~~(A) The utilization of telemedicine to expand~~
11 ~~the delivery of supports and services.~~

12 ~~(B) Suicide prevention and crisis intervention.~~

13 ~~(C) The impact of social determinants of health~~
14 ~~on behavioral health, including supportive housing.~~

15 ~~(v) Each county mental health administration shall~~
16 ~~submit a quarterly report accounting for all money~~
17 ~~received under this paragraph. The accounting shall:~~

18 ~~(A) Be in a form prescribed by the Department of~~
19 ~~Human Services.~~

20 ~~(B) Include, but shall not be limited to, a~~
21 ~~listing of all expenditures, the status of all~~
22 ~~unspent money and the impact of money spent.~~

23 ~~(4) (3) The sum of \$6,000,000 \$3,500,000 to the~~ <--
24 ~~Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs to award grants to~~
25 ~~eligible applicants to develop and implement peer-led mental~~
26 ~~health and substance use disorder services or develop~~
27 ~~recruitment and retention programs, including training, for~~
28 ~~the mental health and substance abuse peer workforce. The~~
29 ~~following apply:~~

30 ~~(i) Eligible applicants include:~~

1 (A) Peer-run organizations.

2 (B) Crisis intervention service providers.

3 (C) Treatment providers in partnership with
4 peer-run organizations.

5 (D) County mental health administrations.

6 (ii) The Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs
7 shall develop grant guidelines, a grant application and a
8 process to review applications.

9 ~~(5)~~ (4) The sum of ~~\$1,000,000~~ \$3,000,000 to the Office <--
10 of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services in the
11 Department of Human Services to award competitive grants to
12 qualified providers to invest in technology and training for
13 behavioral health telehealth providers. The following apply:

14 (i) To be eligible for funding under this paragraph,
15 an entity must be a provider with a service location in
16 this Commonwealth and serving clients or patients in this
17 Commonwealth, of which no less than 51% are Pennsylvania
18 medical assistance enrolled beneficiaries. The Department
19 of Human Services may not restrict eligible applicants
20 based on the number of employees across the entire
21 organization.

22 (ii) Funding shall be used to implement one or more
23 of the following activities:

24 (A) Purchasing equipment for providers,
25 including computers, monitors, tablets, webcams,
26 microphones, mobile medical devices for providers,
27 telemedicine carts and telemedicine kiosks.

28 (B) Purchasing equipment for service clients,
29 including computers, monitors, tablets, webcams,
30 microphones and other similar equipment.

1 (C) Purchasing or maintaining HIPAA-compliant
2 software or platforms, including telemedicine
3 software and online patient portals, including setup
4 fees and telehealth system maintenance.

5 (D) Support for increased broadband speed.

6 (E) Purchasing Wi-Fi hotspots.

7 (F) Purchasing provider training on telehealth
8 best practices, beyond what is offered by the
9 Department of Human Services.

10 (G) Telehealth technical assistance.

11 (iii) The Department of Human Services shall develop
12 grant guidelines, a grant application and a process to
13 review applications.

14 ~~(f) Study.~~ <--

15 ~~(1) The sum of \$500,000 is to be used by the Department~~
16 ~~of Human Services, in coordination with the Department of~~
17 ~~Labor and Industry, the Department of Drug and Alcohol~~
18 ~~Programs, the Department of Health, the Pennsylvania Higher~~
19 ~~Education Assistance Agency, the Department of Education and~~
20 ~~the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, to~~
21 ~~study the impact of initiatives supported by the funding~~
22 ~~distributed under this section.~~

23 ~~(2) No later than June 30, 2027, the Department of Human~~
24 ~~Services shall issue a report containing the results of the~~
25 ~~study under paragraph (1) to the Governor and the General~~
26 ~~Assembly.~~

27 ~~(3) Recipients of the funding allocations under this~~
28 ~~section shall provide information to the Department of Human~~
29 ~~Services as the department determines necessary to adequately~~
30 ~~conduct the study.~~

1 (F) STUDY.--THE LEGISLATIVE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 SHALL PERFORM THE FOLLOWING DUTIES:

3 (1) CONDUCT A STUDY THAT EXAMINES:

4 (I) THE IMPACT OF THE INITIATIVES SUPPORTED BY THE
5 FUNDING DISTRIBUTED UNDER THIS SECTION.

6 (II) INFORMATION PROVIDED WITH REGARDS TO THE
7 RECIPIENTS OF THE FUNDING ALLOCATIONS UNDER THIS SECTION
8 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AS THE DEPARTMENT OF
9 HUMAN SERVICES DEEMS NECESSARY TO ADEQUATELY CONDUCT THE
10 STUDY.

11 (III) INFORMATION GATHERED FROM ORGANIZATIONS WHICH
12 HAVE UTILIZED GRANTS OR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES PROVIDED TO
13 THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, WORKING IN
14 COLLABORATION WITH THE LEGISLATIVE BUDGET AND FINANCE
15 COMMITTEE AND OTHER STATE AGENCIES THAT HAVE ESTABLISHED
16 PROGRAMS, WHICH MAY INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

17 (A) THE AMOUNT OF FUNDING RECEIVED.

18 (B) HOW MANY INDIVIDUALS ARE SERVED.

19 (C) THE AMOUNT AWARDED TO INDIVIDUALS WHO
20 RECEIVED LOAN FORGIVENESS OR ASSISTANCE WITH
21 EDUCATION AND JOB TRAINING.

22 (D) THE NAME AND LOCATION OF NEW PROGRAMS OR
23 DESCRIPTIONS OF ENHANCEMENTS MADE TO EXISTING
24 PROGRAMS.

25 (E) ANY OTHER INFORMATION DEEMED NECESSARY BY
26 THE LEGISLATIVE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE OR THE
27 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES.

28 (2) PREPARE A WRITTEN REPORT OF THE RESULTS OF THE STUDY
29 AND SUBMIT THE REPORT TO THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
30 REPRESENTATIVES NO LATER THAN JUNE 30, 2027.

1 (g) Obligations.--The following apply to a department or
2 agency under this section:

3 (1) A payment received under this section shall be
4 obligated by July 1, 2024, and spent by December 31, 2026.

5 (2) Entities receiving money under this section shall
6 comply with any applicable Federal or State law or guidance.

7 (h) Recoupment.--A department or agency under this section
8 may recover:

9 (1) All or a portion of money disbursed under this
10 section from any individual or entity that fails to comply
11 with this section or with Federal or State law or guidance.

12 (2) Unobligated money after July 1, 2024, which may be
13 subject to recoupment and reallocation. Money subject to
14 recoupment shall be reallocated in a manner to ensure that
15 the money is spent by the Federal deadline for the use of the
16 money.

17 (I) DEFINITIONS.--AS USED IN THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING <--
18 WORDS AND PHRASES SHALL HAVE THE MEANINGS GIVEN TO THEM IN THIS
19 SUBSECTION UNLESS THE CONTEXT CLEARLY INDICATES OTHERWISE:

20 "HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SHORTAGE AREA." A GEOGRAPHIC OR
21 POPULATION AREA IN THIS COMMONWEALTH DESIGNATED BY THE UNITED
22 STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES THAT INDICATES A
23 HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL SHORTAGE IN MENTAL HEALTH.

24 Section 2. Section 1730-F.1(24) of the act is repealed:
25 Section 1730-F.1. Department of Human Services.

26 The following apply to appropriations for the Department of
27 Human Services:

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29 [(24) Of the funding appropriated for COVID Relief -
30 ARPA - Adult Mental Health Programs, no funding shall be

1 expended until enabling legislation is enacted by the General
2 Assembly.]

3 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.