

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB22-181 be amended as follows:

1 Amend printed bill, page 4, after line 5 insert:

2 "(2) The general assembly further finds that the plan implemented
3 by the behavioral health administration must be based on the work of the
4 behavioral health workforce development workgroup as reflected in the
5 December 2021 "Stakeholder Recommendations to Address the
6 Behavioral Workforce Shortage" and the final report of the behavioral
7 health transformational task force.".

8 Renumber succeeding subsections accordingly.

9 Page 6, strike lines 8 through 21 and substitute:

10 "(2) "BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AIDE" OR "AIDE" MEANS AN
11 INDIVIDUAL WHO:

12 (a) ADDRESSES MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS AND SUBSTANCE USE
13 DISORDERS TO PROMOTE HEALTHY INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, AND
14 COMMUNITIES;

15 (b) DEPENDENT ON THE LEVEL OF CERTIFICATION OF THE
16 INDIVIDUAL, MAY ACT AS A COMMUNITY EDUCATOR AND PROVIDE
17 EXPANDED SERVICES FOR MORE COMPLEX BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NEEDS;
18 AND

19 (c) IS FAMILIAR WITH STATE AND LOCAL RESOURCES AND CAN
20 PROVIDE REFERRALS AND OTHER ADDITIONAL SERVICES.

21 (3) "BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROVIDER" MEANS A RECOVERY
22 COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION AS DEFINED IN SECTION 27-80-126, A
23 RECOVERY SUPPORT SERVICES ORGANIZATION AS DEFINED IN SECTION
24 27-60-108, OR A LICENSED ORGANIZATION OR PROFESSIONAL THAT
25 PROVIDES DIAGNOSTIC, THERAPEUTIC, OR PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES FOR
26 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONDITIONS. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROVIDERS
27 INCLUDE A RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE FACILITY, AS DEFINED IN SECTION
28 26-6-102, AND A FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER AS DEFINED IN
29 THE FEDERAL "SOCIAL SECURITY ACT", 42 U.S.C. SEC. 1395x (aa)(4).".

30 Renumber succeeding subsections accordingly.

31 Page 7, strike lines 2 and 3 and substitute "AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER
32 EDUCATION.".

33 Page 8, line 13, after "ADULTS." insert "IN CREATING THE PLAN, THE BHA
34 SHALL CONSIDER THE STAKEHOLDER RECOMMENDATIONS THAT ADDRESS
35 THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WORKFORCE SHORTAGE PUBLISHED BY THE
36 DEPARTMENT IN DECEMBER 2021.".

1 Page 8, line 15, after "DEVELOPMENT" insert "AND IMPLEMENTATION".

2 Page 8, line 19, strike "AND".

3 Page 8, line 21, strike "SAFETY NET".

4 Page 8, line 22, strike "LEVELS." and substitute "LEVELS; AND
5 (III) REGULATORY CHANGES TO REDUCE BARRIERS.".

6 Page 10, strike lines 3 and 4 and substitute:

7 " (5) THE BHA, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE COMMUNITY
8 COLLEGE SYSTEM, THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION, AND THE
9 WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL CREATED IN SECTION 24-46.3101,
10 AND INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL".

11 Page 10, strike line 10 and substitute:

12 " (6) THE BHA SHALL USE THE MONEY APPROPRIATED BY THE
13 GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO INCREASE THE".

14 Page 10, line 12, before "SUBSTANCE" insert "A MENTAL HEALTH
15 DISORDER OR A".

16 Page 10, after line 23 insert:

17 " (8) (a) THE PLAN MUST INCLUDE PROPOSALS TO WORK WITH
18 LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, THE P.O.S.T. BOARD CREATED IN
19 SECTION 24-31-302, AND A PEACE OFFICER ORGANIZATION, AS DEFINED IN
20 SECTION 24-32-3501, TO:

21 (I) CROSS-TRAIN CURRENT AND FORMER CERTIFIED PEACE
22 OFFICERS, AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 16-2.5-102, IN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH;

23 (II) HELP INCREASE CULTURAL COMPETENCIES IN LAW
24 ENFORCEMENT; AND

25 (III) REDUCE THE STIGMA OF RECEIVING MENTAL HEALTH
26 SERVICES.

27 (b) THE PROPOSALS IMPLEMENTED BY THE BHA PURSUANT TO
28 SUBSECTION (8)(a) OF THIS SECTION MUST INCLUDE STUDENT LOAN
29 REPAYMENT PROGRAMS AND SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CURRENT AND FORMER
30 CERTIFIED PEACE OFFICERS WHO HAVE AT LEAST FIVE YEARS OF LAW
31 ENFORCEMENT EXPERIENCE AND ARE COMMITTED TO PROVIDING
32 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES FOR AT LEAST
33 FIVE YEARS.

34 (c) THE BHA MAY COORDINATE AND WORK IN CONJUNCTION WITH
35 THE COLORADO HEALTH SERVICE CORPS, AS DEFINED SECTION 25-1.5-502,

1 TO EXPAND AND INCREASE THE STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENTS MADE
2 PURSUANT TO SECTION 25-1.5-503.".

3 Renumber succeeding subsections accordingly.

4 Page 10, line 26, after "TELEHEALTH" insert "CAPACITY AND
5 INFRASTRUCTURE".

6 Page 10, line 27, strike "SERVICES." and substitute "SERVICES AND
7 ADDRESS SERVICE GAPS.".

8 Page 11, line 5, after "FINANCING," insert "THE DEPARTMENT OF
9 EDUCATION, THE DEPARTMENT OF EARLY CHILDHOOD, ".

10 Page 11, line 14, strike "WORKFORCE" and substitute "WORKFORCE,
11 INCLUDING TELEHEALTH PROVIDERS, ".

12 Page 11, strike 15 and substitute "OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEER SUPPORT
13 PROFESSIONALS AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AIDES.".

14 Page 11, line 20, after "PROVIDE" insert "AND FUND".

15 Page 12, strike lines 8 through 11 and substitute "SERVICES IN
16 COMMUNITIES WHERE WORKFORCE SHORTAGES EXIST BY PROVIDING
17 LOANS TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROVIDERS TO PRACTICE IN THESE
18 COMMUNITIES AND TO WORK WITH PRIORITY POPULATIONS; AND".

19 Page 15, line 11, strike "SAFETY NET".

20 Page 15, after line 21 insert:

21 " (2) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2023. AND ON OR BEFORE
22 JANUARY 1, 2024, THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM SHALL SUBMIT A
23 REPORT TO THE BHA. AT A MINIMUM, THE REPORT MUST INCLUDE A
24 SUMMARY OF THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CAREER PATHWAY AND ITS
25 IMPLEMENTATION, INCLUDING AN ACCOUNTING OF HOW MONEY WAS USED
26 TO EXPAND OR SUPPORT TRAINING, EDUCATION, AND CERTIFICATIONS IN
27 THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CAREER PATHWAY TO INCREASE EMPLOYMENT
28 IN THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SECTOR. ".

29 Renumber succeeding subsection accordingly.

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