

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB24-015 be amended as follows:

1 Amend printed bill, page 3, line 16, after "mental" insert "and
2 behavioral".

3 Page 3, line 17, after "mental" insert "and behavioral".

4 Page 3, strike lines 18 through 27.

5 Strike pages 4 through 8.

6 Page 9, strike lines 1 and 2 and substitute:

7 "SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-1.5-404, **add**
8 (1)(d.5) as follows:

9 **25-1.5-404. Primary care office - powers and duties - rules.**

10 (1) The primary care office has, at a minimum, the following powers and
11 duties:

12 (d.5) TO ADMINISTER THE DUAL LICENSURE STIPEND PROGRAM
13 PURSUANT TO SECTION 25-1.5-503.3;

14 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-1.5-501, **amend**
15 (1) and (2); and **add** (4) as follows:

16 **25-1.5-501. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly
17 ~~hereby~~ finds that there are areas of Colorado that suffer from a lack of
18 health-care professionals, geriatric advanced practice providers, ~~or~~ AND
19 behavioral health-care providers ~~to serve~~ and a lack of nursing or other
20 health-care professional faculty to train health-care professionals to meet
21 AND SERVE the medical and behavioral health-care needs of communities.
22 The general assembly further finds that the state needs to implement
23 incentives to encourage health-care professionals, geriatric advanced
24 practice providers, and behavioral health-care providers to practice in
25 these underserved areas and to encourage nursing faculty and other
26 health-care professional faculty to teach health-care professionals.

27 (2) It is therefore the intent of the general assembly in enacting
28 this part 5 to create a state health service corps program that uses state
29 money; federal money, when permissible; and contributions from
30 communities and private sources to help repay the outstanding education
31 loans that many health-care professionals, geriatric advanced practice
32 providers, behavioral health-care providers, candidates for licensure,
33 nursing faculty, and health-care professional faculty hold. In exchange for
34 repayment of loans incurred for the purpose of obtaining education in
35 their chosen health-care, geriatric care, ~~and~~ OR behavioral health-care
36 professions, the health care professionals; geriatric advanced practice

1 providers, behavioral health-care providers, and candidates for licensure
2 will commit to provide health care; geriatric care; or behavioral
3 health-care services, as applicable; in communities with underserved
4 health-care, geriatric care, or behavioral health-care needs throughout the
5 state, and the nursing and health-care professional faculty will commit to
6 provide a specified period of service in a qualified faculty position, AND
7 DUAL LICENSURE CANDIDATES PURSUING A DUAL LICENSE AS A LICENSED
8 PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR WILL AGREE TO SERVE A SPECIFIC NUMBER OF
9 ACADEMIC YEARS IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL IN A BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
10 POSITION.

11 (4) IN ADDITION, FOR THE PURPOSES OF INCREASING THE
12 AVAILABILITY OF LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS WHO HOLD A
13 SPECIAL SERVICE PROVIDER LICENSE WITH THE APPROPRIATE
14 ENDORSEMENT, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL CREATE A STIPEND
15 PROGRAM TO REDUCE THE BARRIERS FOR SCHOOL COUNSELORS WHO ARE
16 SEEKING DUAL LICENSURE AS LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS.
17 PROVIDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO SUPPORT SCHOOL COUNSELORS
18 WHO SEEK DUAL LICENSURE AS LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS
19 WILL HELP ALLEVIATE THE MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH-CARE
20 WORKFORCE SHORTAGE AND WILL PROVIDE MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL
21 HEALTH-CARE SUPPORTS TO STUDENTS.

22 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-1.5-502, **add**
23 (1.8), (3.5), (3.6), (6.6), (6.7), and (10.5) as follows:

24 **25-1.5-502. Definitions.** As used in this part 5, unless the context
25 otherwise requires:

26 (1.8) "CLINICAL SUPERVISION" HAS THE SAME MEANING SET FORTH
27 IN SECTION 12-245-601.

28 (3.5) "DUAL LICENSURE CANDIDATE" MEANS A COLORADO SCHOOL
29 COUNSELOR WHO HOLDS A SPECIAL SERVICES PROVIDER LICENSE WITH THE
30 APPROPRIATE ENDORSEMENT ISSUED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 60.5 OF TITLE
31 22 AND WHO IS SEEKING DUAL LICENSURE AS A LICENSED PROFESSIONAL
32 COUNSELOR.

33 (3.6) "DUAL LICENSURE STIPEND PROGRAM" OR "STIPEND
34 PROGRAM" MEANS THE DUAL LICENSURE STIPEND PROGRAM CREATED IN
35 SECTION 25-1.5-503.3.

36 (6.6) "LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR" HAS THE SAME
37 MEANING SET FORTH IN SECTION 12-245-601.

38 (6.7) "LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR SUPERVISOR" HAS THE
39 SAME MEANING SET FORTH IN SECTION 12-245-601.

40 (10.5) "PUBLIC SCHOOL" MEANS A SCHOOL OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT,
41 A DISTRICT CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT
42 PURSUANT TO PART 1 OF ARTICLE 30.5 OF TITLE 22, AN INSTITUTE
43 CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZED BY THE STATE CHARTER SCHOOL
44 INSTITUTE PURSUANT TO PART 5 OF ARTICLE 30.5 OF TITLE 22, AN

1 APPROVED FACILITY SCHOOL, OR THE COLORADO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF
2 AND THE BLIND.

3 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 25-1.5-503.3 as
4 follows:

5 **25-1.5-503.3. Dual licensure stipend program - creation -**
6 **rules.** (1) THE DUAL LICENSURE STIPEND PROGRAM IS CREATED IN THE
7 PRIMARY CARE OFFICE TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF LICENSED
8 PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS WHO WORK IN COMMUNITIES BY:

9 (a) REIMBURSING LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR
10 SUPERVISORS WHO PROVIDE CLINICAL SUPERVISION TO DUAL LICENSURE
11 CANDIDATES; AND

12 (b) REIMBURSING DUAL LICENSURE CANDIDATES FOR THE COSTS
13 OF EXAMINATION FEES AND APPLICATION FEES DESCRIBED IN SECTION
14 12-245-205 ONCE DUAL LICENSURE CANDIDATES DEMONSTRATE
15 PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCIES BY PASSING THE EXAMINATION DESCRIBED
16 IN SECTION 12-245-604 (1)(e) AND PROVIDING THE PRIMARY CARE OFFICE
17 WITH PROOF OF PAYMENT FOR THE EXAMINATION FEES AND THE
18 APPLICATION FEES.

19 (2) (a) A DUAL LICENSURE CANDIDATE IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE
20 STIPEND PROGRAM IF THE DUAL LICENSURE CANDIDATE IS A LICENSED
21 SPECIAL SERVICES PROVIDER, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 22-60.5-102, AND
22 HAS COMPLETED A MASTER'S OR DOCTORAL DEGREE IN PROFESSIONAL
23 COUNSELING FROM AN ACCREDITED SCHOOL OR COLLEGE OR AN
24 EQUIVALENT PROGRAM AS DETERMINED BY THE STATE BOARD OF
25 LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS, CREATED IN SECTION
26 12-245-602. THE DEGREE OR PROGRAM MUST INCLUDE A PRACTICUM OR
27 INTERNSHIP IN THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE OF PROFESSIONAL
28 COUNSELING. THE PRIMARY CARE OFFICE SHALL SELECT DUAL LICENSURE
29 CANDIDATES FOR THE STIPEND PROGRAM ON FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED
30 BASIS.

31 (b) A DUAL LICENSURE CANDIDATE MUST SELECT A LICENSED
32 PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR SUPERVISOR WHO HAS OPTED IN TO
33 PARTICIPATE IN THE STIPEND PROGRAM TO FULFILL THE DUAL LICENSURE
34 CANDIDATE'S CLINICAL SUPERVISION HOURS.

35 (c) A DUAL LICENSURE CANDIDATE SHALL ENTER INTO A
36 CONTRACT WITH THE DEPARTMENT THAT REQUIRES THE DUAL LICENSURE
37 CANDIDATE TO REMAIN EMPLOYED BY A PUBLIC SCHOOL AS A SCHOOL
38 COUNSELOR OR SCHOOL-BASED THERAPIST FOR AT LEAST THREE YEARS
39 AFTER THE DATE THE DUAL LICENSURE CANDIDATE BECOMES A LICENSED
40 PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR.

41 (d) A LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR SUPERVISOR SHALL
42 ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE DEPARTMENT THAT REQUIRES
43 SUPERVISION OF A DUAL LICENSURE CANDIDATE. THE CONTRACT MUST SET
44 STANDARDS FOR THE TERMS OF SUPERVISION, MONTHLY HOURS OF

1 SUPERVISION, INVOICING PROCEDURES, AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.
2 LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR SUPERVISORS SHALL NOT CHARGE
3 DUAL LICENSURE CANDIDATES ADDITIONAL FEES IN THE CONTEXT OF THE
4 CLINICAL SUPERVISION RELATIONSHIP.

5 (3)(a) IF A DUAL LICENSURE CANDIDATE FAILS TO COMPLETE DUAL
6 LICENSURE IN A TIMELY MANNER OR FAILS TO COMPLETE THE TERMS OF
7 SERVICE PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2)(c) OF THIS SECTION, THE DUAL
8 LICENSURE CANDIDATE SHALL REPAY THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE TOTAL
9 DIRECT COSTS INCURRED BY THE DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING THE DUAL
10 LICENSURE CANDIDATE'S CLINICAL SUPERVISION HOURS, EXAMINATION
11 FEES, AND APPLICATION FEES PAID TO OR ON BEHALF OF THE DUAL
12 LICENSURE CANDIDATE. IF THE DEPARTMENT HAS TO FILE A CIVIL ACTION
13 FOR REPAYMENT PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (3)(a), THE DEPARTMENT
14 IS ENTITLED TO THE COST OF COLLECTIONS AND REASONABLE ATTORNEY
15 FEES. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COLLECT THE TOTAL DIRECT COSTS OR
16 COSTS OF COLLECTIONS AND REASONABLE ATTORNEY FEES AND RETURN
17 THE MONEY TO THE COLORADO HEALTH SERVICES CORPS FUND, WHICH IS
18 CONTINUOUSLY APPROPRIATED FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND.

19 (b) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ELECT TO WAIVE ALL OR A PORTION OF
20 DAMAGES FOR BREACH OF CONTRACT PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3)(a) OF
21 THIS SECTION IF ENFORCEMENT IS IMPOSSIBLE OR WOULD INVOLVE AN
22 EXTREME HARDSHIP TO THE DUAL LICENSURE CANDIDATE AND THE
23 ENFORCEMENT OF THE CONTRACTUAL COMMITMENT IS UNCONSCIONABLE.

24 (4) THE PRIMARY CARE OFFICE SHALL MAINTAIN A LIST OF
25 LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR SUPERVISORS WHO OPT IN TO
26 PARTICIPATE IN THE STIPEND PROGRAM AND PROVIDE CLINICAL
27 SUPERVISION TO DUAL LICENSURE CANDIDATES SEEKING DUAL LICENSURE.

28 (5) THE PRIMARY CARE OFFICE SHALL CREATE AN APPLICATION
29 AND SELECTION PROCESS FOR DUAL LICENSURE CANDIDATES TO APPLY TO
30 THE STIPEND PROGRAM.

31 (6) THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH MAY PROMULGATE RULES TO
32 ESTABLISH:

33 (a) THE MAXIMUM REIMBURSEMENT RATE FOR LICENSED
34 PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR SUPERVISORS WHO PROVIDE CLINICAL
35 SUPERVISION TO DUAL LICENSURE CANDIDATES;

36 (b) PROCEDURES FOR A DUAL LICENSURE CANDIDATE WHO LOSES
37 A LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR SUPERVISOR BEFORE THE
38 COMPLETION OF THE DUAL LICENSURE CANDIDATE'S SUPERVISION HOURS;

39 (c) A DEFINITION OF "TIMELY MANNER" FOR PURPOSES OF
40 SUBSECTION (3)(a) OF THIS SECTION; AND

41 (d) ANY OTHER CRITERIA NECESSARY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION
42 OF THE STIPEND PROGRAM.

43 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-1.5-505, **amend**
44 (1) introductory portion, (1)(e), and (1)(f); and **add** (1)(g) as follows:

1 **25-1.5-505. Advisory council - report.** (1) On or before
2 December 1, 2011, and on or before December 1 every two years
3 thereafter, the primary care office, with assistance from the advisory
4 council, shall submit to the governor, the health and human services
5 committee of the senate and the ~~health and insurance and public and~~
6 ~~behavioral~~ health and human services ~~committees~~ COMMITTEE of the
7 house of representatives, or ~~any~~ THEIR successor committees, a report that
8 includes, at a minimum, the following information:

9 (e) A summary of any assessment or evaluation of program
10 performance conducted during the year; ~~and~~

11 (f) A description of the nursing faculty or other health-care
12 professional faculty members participating in the Colorado health service
13 corps and the educational institutions where the participants teach; AND

14 (g) A DESCRIPTION OF THE DUAL LICENSURE CANDIDATE
15 PARTICIPANTS IN THE STIPEND PROGRAM, INCLUDING:

16 (I) THE NUMBER OF DUAL LICENSURE CANDIDATES PARTICIPATING
17 IN THE STIPEND PROGRAM;

18 (II) THE NUMBER OF LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR
19 SUPERVISORS PARTICIPATING IN THE STIPEND PROGRAM;

20 (III) THE GEOGRAPHIC LOCATIONS OF DUAL LICENSURE
21 CANDIDATES AND LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR SUPERVISORS;
22 AND

23 (IV) THE AVERAGE LENGTH OF TIME IT TAKES A DUAL LICENSURE
24 CANDIDATE TO COMPLETE THE REQUIRED HOURS NECESSARY TO ATTAIN
25 LICENSURE.

26 **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-1.5-506, **add**
27 **(4)(e)** as follows:

28 **25-1.5-506. Colorado health service corps fund - created -**
29 **acceptance of grants and donations - annual appropriation from**
30 **marijuana tax cash fund - repeal.** (4) (e) FOR THE 2024-25 STATE
31 FISCAL YEAR, AND EACH STATE FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE GENERAL
32 ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE FOUR MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE
33 GENERAL FUND FOR THE DUAL LICENSURE STIPEND PROGRAM FOR DUAL
34 LICENSURE CANDIDATES. FUNDS ARE CONTINUOUSLY APPROPRIATED FOR
35 THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND. ALL INTEREST ACCRUED BY THE FUND MUST
36 REMAIN IN THE FUND FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE DUAL LICENSURE STIPEND
37 PROGRAM."

38 Renumber succeeding section accordingly.

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