

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:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

AND  
(IV) THE AVERAGE LENGTH OF TIME IT TAKES A DUAL LICENSURE

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

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

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

Renumber succeeding section accordingly.

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