

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

February 28, 2025
Date

Committee on Appropriations.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB25-1132 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend the Health and Human Services Committee Report, dated
2 February 19, 2025, page 5, after line 3 insert:

3 **"SECTION 2. Appropriation - adjustments to 2025 long bill.**
4 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, to implement this
5 act, the reappropriated funds appropriation made in the annual general
6 appropriation act for the 2025-26 state fiscal year to the department of
7 military and veterans affairs for use by the division of veterans affairs for
8 veterans mental health services is decreased by \$5,000,000. This
9 appropriation is from reappropriated funds received from the department
10 of human services for use by the behavioral health administration.

11 (2) Subsection (1) of this section does not require a reduction of
12 an appropriation in the annual general appropriations act for the 2025-26
13 state fiscal year if:

14 (a) The amount of reappropriated funds made in the annual general
15 appropriation act for the 2025-26 state fiscal year to the department of
16 military and veterans affairs for use by the division of veterans affairs for
17 veterans mental health is less than the amount of the adjustment required
18 in subsection (1) of this section; or

19 (b) The annual general appropriation act for the 2025-26 state
20 fiscal year does not include an appropriation to the department of military
21 and veterans affairs for use by the division of veterans affairs for veterans
22 mental health."

23 Renumber succeeding section accordingly.

24 Page 5, line 4, after "**date.**" insert "(1)".

1 Page 5, line 12, after the first period insert:

2 "(2) Section 2 of this act takes effect only if the annual general
3 appropriation act for the 2025-26 state fiscal year becomes law, in which
4 case section 2 takes effect upon the effective date of this act or of the
5 annual general appropriation act for state fiscal year 2025-26, whichever
6 is later."

7 Page 5 of the report, line 14, strike "PROGRAM." and substitute
8 "PROGRAM, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, REDUCING AN
9 APPROPRIATION."

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