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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING MEASURES TO INCENTIVIZE JAILS TO PROVIDE**
102 **COMPLEMENTARY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES TO PERSONS**
103 **HELD IN CUSTODY.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov/>.)

Legislative Oversight Committee Concerning the Treatment of Persons with Behavioral Health Disorders in the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Systems. Under existing law, the behavioral health administration (BHA) in the department of human services administers the jail-based behavioral health services program (program). The bill

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requires the BHA to, as part of the program, provide funding to jails to administer services that complement a person's primary course of treatment for a behavioral health disorder (complementary behavioral health services) to persons in custody in the jail. A jail shall use the funding to train jail staff to administer complementary behavioral health services and to provide complementary behavioral health services to persons in custody in the jail at no cost to the person.

The bill requires the general assembly to annually appropriate up to \$50,000 for the administration of complementary behavioral health services as part of the program.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 27-60-106, **amend** (2)(b) and (2)(c); and **add** (2)(d) and (7) as follows:

27-60-106. Jail-based behavioral health services program - purpose - created - funding. (2) The purpose of the program is to:

(b) Train jail staff on behavioral health disorders and best practices in working with individuals with mental health, substance use, and co-occurring disorders; ~~and~~

(c) Fund administrative costs to jails that implement the requirements outlined in subsection (3) of this section; AND

(d) PROVIDE FUNDING TO JAILS TO ADMINISTER COMPLEMENTARY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES TO PERSONS IN CUSTODY IN THE JAIL, AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (7) OF THIS SECTION.

(7) (a) BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025, AS PART OF THE PROGRAM AND SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, THE BHA SHALL PROVIDE FUNDING TO JAILS TO ADMINISTER SERVICES THAT COMPLEMENT A PERSON'S PRIMARY COURSE OF TREATMENT, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, MOTIVATIONAL ENHANCEMENT THERAPY, MEDITATION, AND AURICULAR ACUETOX, TO PERSONS IN CUSTODY IN THE JAIL.

(b) A JAIL SHALL USE THE MONEY RECEIVED PURSUANT TO THIS

1 SUBSECTION (7) TO TRAIN JAIL STAFF TO ADMINISTER COMPLEMENTARY
2 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES AND TO PROVIDE COMPLEMENTARY
3 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES TO PERSONS IN CUSTODY IN THE JAIL AT NO
4 COST TO THE PERSON. THE BHA MUST APPROVE THE COMPLEMENTARY
5 SERVICES THAT A JAIL INTENDS TO PROVIDE WITH THE MONEY BEFORE THE
6 JAIL MAY EXPEND THE MONEY.

7 (c) FOR STATE FISCAL YEAR 2025-26, AND FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR
8 THEREAFTER, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE UP TO AN
9 ADDITIONAL FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS TO THE PROGRAM FOR THE
10 ADMINISTRATION OF COMPLEMENTARY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES AS
11 DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION (7).

12 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
13 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
14 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
15 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
16 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
17 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
18 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
19 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
20 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.