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**HOUSE BILL 26-1378**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING THE REPEAL OF CERTAIN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**  
102                    **RESOURCES ADMINISTERED BY THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**  
103                    **ADMINISTRATION, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, REDUCING**  
104                    **AN APPROPRIATION.**

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**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/>.)*

**Joint Budget Committee.** The bill:

- Repeals the requirement that the behavioral health administration (BHA) contract with a nonprofit

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organization serving agricultural and rural communities in Colorado to provide vouchers for behavioral health care services;

- Repeals the requirement that the BHA contract with an independent third party to provide services and supports to behavioral health providers seeking to become behavioral health safety net providers;
- Repeals the building substance use disorder treatment capacity in underserved communities grant program;
- Repeals the recovery support services grant program;
- Transfers the balance of the high-risk families cash fund (fund) to the general fund and repeals the fund on July 1, 2026; and
- Reduces appropriations to the department of education for the affected programs and services.

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

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 27-50-305,  
3           27-80-120, and 27-80-126.

4           **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 27-50-101, **amend**  
5 (6); and **add** (17.5) as follows:

6           **27-50-101. Definitions.**

7           As used in this article 50, unless the context otherwise requires:

8           (6) "Behavioral health provider" means a recovery community  
9 organization, ~~as defined in section 27-80-126~~, a recovery support services  
10 organization, as defined in section 27-60-108, or a licensed organization  
11 or professional providing diagnostic, therapeutic, or psychological  
12 services for behavioral health conditions. Behavioral health providers  
13 include a residential child care facility, as defined in section 26-6-903  
14 (29), and a federally qualified health center.

15           (17.5) "RECOVERY COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION" MEANS AN  
16 INDEPENDENT, NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION LED AND GOVERNED BY  
17 REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES OF RECOVERY THAT ORGANIZE

1 RECOVERY-FOCUSED POLICY ADVOCACY ACTIVITIES, CARRY OUT  
2 RECOVERY-FOCUSED COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND OUTREACH PROGRAMS,  
3 OR PROVIDE PEER-RUN RECOVERY SUPPORT SERVICES.

4 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 27-50-105, **amend**  
5 (1)(gg); and **repeal** (1)(ee) and (1)(ii) as follows:

6 **27-50-105. Administration of behavioral health programs -**  
7 **state plan - sole mental health authority - gifts, grants, or donations**  
8 **- repeal.**

9 (1) The BHA shall administer and provide the following  
10 behavioral health programs and services:

11 ~~(ee) The building substance use disorder treatment capacity in~~

12 ~~underserved communities grant program created pursuant to section~~  
13 ~~27-80-120;~~

14 (gg) (I) The high-risk families cash fund created pursuant to  
15 section 27-80-123.

16 (II) THIS SUBSECTION (1)(gg) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1,  
17 2026.

18 (ii) ~~The recovery support services grant program created pursuant~~  
19 ~~to section 27-80-126;~~

20 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 27-60-110, **amend**  
21 (3) as follows:

22 **27-60-110. Behavioral health-care services for rural and**  
23 **agricultural communities - vouchers - contract - appropriation.**

24 (3) For the ~~2021-22~~ 2026-2027 fiscal year, and each fiscal year  
25 thereafter, the general assembly ~~shall~~ MAY annually appropriate fifty  
26 ~~thousand dollars~~ MONEY for the contract awarded pursuant to subsection  
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1 (1) of this section.

2 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 27-60-301, **amend**  
3 (3) as follows:

4 **27-60-301. Definitions.**

5 As used in this part 3, unless the context otherwise requires:

6 (3) "Behavioral health provider" means a recovery community  
7 organization, as defined in ~~section 27-80-126~~ SECTION 27-50-101, a  
8 recovery support services organization, as defined in section 27-60-108,  
9 or a licensed organization or professional that provides diagnostic,  
10 therapeutic, or psychological services for behavioral health conditions.  
11 Behavioral health providers include a residential child care facility, as  
12 defined in section 26-6-903 (29), and a federally qualified health center,  
13 as defined in the federal "Social Security Act", 42 U.S.C. sec. 1395x  
14 (aa)(4).

15 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 27-80-123, **add** (8)  
16 and (9) as follows:

17 **27-80-123. High-risk families cash fund - creation - services**  
18 **provided - report - definition - repeal.**

19 (8) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER ALL UNEXPENDED  
20 AND UNENCUMBERED MONEY IN THE FUND ON JUNE 30, 2026, TO THE  
21 GENERAL FUND.

22 (9) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026.

23 **SECTION 7. Appropriation - adjustments to 2026 long bill.**

24 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, to implement this  
25 act, the appropriations made in the annual general appropriation act for  
26 the 2026-27 state fiscal year to the department of human services for use  
27 by the behavioral health administration for behavioral health safety net

1 services is decreased by \$3,500,000, which amount consists of \$500,000  
2 from the general fund and \$3,000,000 from the marijuana tax cash fund  
3 created in section 39-28.8-501 (1), C.R.S.

4 (2) Subsection (1) of this section does not require a reduction of  
5 an appropriation in the annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27  
6 state fiscal year if:

7 (a) The general fund appropriation made in the annual general  
8 appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year to the department of  
9 human services for use by the behavioral health administration for  
10 behavioral health safety net services is less than the amount of the  
11 adjustment required in subsection (1) of this section;

12 (b) The cash funds appropriation from the marijuana tax cash fund  
13 created in section 39-28.8-501 (1), C.R.S., made in the annual general  
14 appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year to the department of  
15 human services for use by the behavioral health administration for  
16 behavioral health safety net services is less than the amount of the  
17 adjustment required in subsection (1) of this section; or

18 (c) The annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state  
19 fiscal year does not include an appropriation to the department of human  
20 services for use by the behavioral health administration for behavioral  
21 health safety net services.

22 (3) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, to  
23 implement this act, the general fund appropriation made in the annual  
24 general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year to the  
25 department of human services for use by the behavioral health  
26 administration for the recovery support services grant program is  
27 decreased by \$1,600,805, and the related FTE is decreased by 1.0 FTE.

1 (4) (a) If the general fund appropriation made in the annual  
2 general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year to the  
3 department of human services for use by the behavioral health  
4 administration for the recovery support services grant program is an  
5 amount less than the amount of the adjustment required in subsection (3)  
6 of this section, the general fund appropriation is decreased to \$0.

7 (b) If the annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state  
8 fiscal year does not include an appropriation to the department of human  
9 services for use by the behavioral health administration for the recovery  
10 support services grant program, then subsection (3) of this section does  
11 not require a reduction of an appropriation in the annual general  
12 appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year.

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14 **SECTION 8. Effective date.** This act takes effect upon passage;  
15 except that section 7 of this act takes effect only if the annual general  
16 appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year becomes law, in which  
17 case section 7 takes effect upon the effective date of this act or of the  
18 annual general appropriation act for state fiscal year 2026-27, whichever  
19 is later.

20 **SECTION 9. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,  
21 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
22 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for  
23 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state  
24 institutions.