

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

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Chair of Committee

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Date

April 13, 2022

Committee on Health & Human Services.

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

SB22-181 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, page 4, after line 5 insert:  
2       "(2) The general assembly further finds that the plan implemented  
3 by the behavioral health administration must be based on the work of the  
4 behavioral health workforce development workgroup as reflected in the  
5 December 2021 "Stakeholder Recommendations to Address the  
6 Behavioral Workforce Shortage" and the final report of the behavioral  
7 health transformational task force."

8 Renumber succeeding subsections accordingly.

9 Page 6, strike lines 8 through 21 and substitute:

10       "(2) "BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AIDE" OR "AIDE" MEANS AN  
11 INDIVIDUAL WHO:

12       (a) ADDRESSES MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS AND SUBSTANCE USE  
13 DISORDERS TO PROMOTE HEALTHY INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, AND  
14 COMMUNITIES;

15       (b) DEPENDENT ON THE LEVEL OF CERTIFICATION OF THE  
16 INDIVIDUAL, MAY ACT AS A COMMUNITY EDUCATOR AND PROVIDE  
17 EXPANDED SERVICES FOR MORE COMPLEX BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NEEDS;  
18 AND

19       (c) IS FAMILIAR WITH STATE AND LOCAL RESOURCES AND CAN  
20 PROVIDE REFERRALS AND OTHER ADDITIONAL SERVICES.

21       (3) "BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROVIDER" MEANS A RECOVERY  
22 COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION AS DEFINED IN SECTION 27-80-126, A  
23 RECOVERY SUPPORT SERVICES ORGANIZATION AS DEFINED IN SECTION  
24 27-60-108, OR A LICENSED ORGANIZATION OR PROFESSIONAL THAT  
25 PROVIDES DIAGNOSTIC, THERAPEUTIC, OR PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES FOR  
26 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONDITIONS. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROVIDERS

- 1 INCLUDE A RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE FACILITY, AS DEFINED IN SECTION  
2 26-6-102, AND A FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER AS DEFINED IN  
3 THE FEDERAL "SOCIAL SECURITY ACT", 42 U.S.C. SEC. 1395x (aa)(4).".
- 4 Renumber succeeding subsections accordingly.
- 5 Page 7, strike lines 2 and 3 and substitute "AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER  
6 EDUCATION.".
- 7 Page 8, line 13, after "ADULTS." insert "IN CREATING THE PLAN, THE BHA  
8 SHALL CONSIDER THE STAKEHOLDER RECOMMENDATIONS THAT ADDRESS  
9 THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WORKFORCE SHORTAGE PUBLISHED BY THE  
10 DEPARTMENT IN DECEMBER 2021.".
- 11 Page 8, line 15, after "DEVELOPMENT" insert "AND IMPLEMENTATION".
- 12 Page 8, line 19, strike "AND".
- 13 Page 8, line 21, strike "SAFETY NET".
- 14 Page 8, line 22, strike "LEVELS." and substitute "LEVELS; AND  
15 (III) REGULATORY CHANGES TO REDUCE BARRIERS.".
- 16 Page 10, strike lines 3 and 4 and substitute:  
17 "(5) THE BHA, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE COMMUNITY  
18 COLLEGE SYSTEM, THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION, AND THE  
19 WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL CREATED IN SECTION 24-46.3101,  
20 AND INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL".
- 21 Page 10, strike line 10 and substitute:  
22 "(6) THE BHA SHALL USE THE MONEY APPROPRIATED BY THE  
23 GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO INCREASE THE".
- 24 Page 10, line 12, before "SUBSTANCE" insert "A MENTAL HEALTH  
25 DISORDER OR A".
- 26 Page 10, after line 23 insert:  
27 "(8) (a) THE PLAN MUST INCLUDE PROPOSALS TO WORK WITH  
28 LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, THE P.O.S.T. BOARD CREATED IN  
29 SECTION 24-31-302, AND A PEACE OFFICER ORGANIZATION, AS DEFINED IN  
30 SECTION 24-32-3501, TO:  
31 (I) CROSS-TRAIN CURRENT AND FORMER CERTIFIED PEACE  
32 OFFICERS, AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 16-2.5-102, IN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH;

- 1 (II) HELP INCREASE CULTURAL COMPETENCIES IN LAW  
2 ENFORCEMENT; AND
- 3 (III) REDUCE THE STIGMA OF RECEIVING MENTAL HEALTH  
4 SERVICES.
- 5 (b) THE PROPOSALS IMPLEMENTED BY THE BHA PURSUANT TO  
6 SUBSECTION (8)(a) OF THIS SECTION MUST INCLUDE STUDENT LOAN  
7 REPAYMENT PROGRAMS AND SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CURRENT AND FORMER  
8 CERTIFIED PEACE OFFICERS WHO HAVE AT LEAST FIVE YEARS OF LAW  
9 ENFORCEMENT EXPERIENCE AND ARE COMMITTED TO PROVIDING  
10 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES FOR AT LEAST  
11 FIVE YEARS.
- 12 (c) THE BHA MAY COORDINATE AND WORK IN CONJUNCTION WITH  
13 THE COLORADO HEALTH SERVICE CORPS, AS DEFINED SECTION 25-1.5-502,  
14 TO EXPAND AND INCREASE THE STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENTS MADE  
15 PURSUANT TO SECTION 25-1.5-503."
- 16 Renumber succeeding subsections accordingly.
- 17 Page 10, line 26, after "TELEHEALTH" insert "CAPACITY AND  
18 INFRASTRUCTURE".
- 19 Page 10, line 27, strike "SERVICES." and substitute "SERVICES AND  
20 ADDRESS SERVICE GAPS."
- 21 Page 11, line 5, after "FINANCING," insert "THE DEPARTMENT OF  
22 EDUCATION, THE DEPARTMENT OF EARLY CHILDHOOD,".
- 23 Page 11, line 14, strike "WORKFORCE" and substitute "WORKFORCE,  
24 INCLUDING TELEHEALTH PROVIDERS,".
- 25 Page 11, strike 15 and substitute "OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEER SUPPORT  
26 PROFESSIONALS AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AIDES."
- 27 Page 11, line 20, after "PROVIDE" insert "AND FUND".
- 28 Page 12, strike lines 8 through 11 and substitute "SERVICES IN  
29 COMMUNITIES WHERE WORKFORCE SHORTAGES EXIST BY PROVIDING  
30 LOANS TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROVIDERS TO PRACTICE IN THESE  
31 COMMUNITIES AND TO WORK WITH PRIORITY POPULATIONS; AND".
- 32 Page 15, line 11, strike "SAFETY NET".
- 33 Page 15, after line 21 insert:

1           "(2) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2023. AND ON OR BEFORE  
2 JANUARY 1, 2024, THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM SHALL SUBMIT A  
3 REPORT TO THE BHA. AT A MINIMUM, THE REPORT MUST INCLUDE A  
4 SUMMARY OF THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CAREER PATHWAY AND ITS  
5 IMPLEMENTATION, INCLUDING AN ACCOUNTING OF HOW MONEY WAS USED  
6 TO EXPAND OR SUPPORT TRAINING, EDUCATION, AND CERTIFICATIONS IN  
7 THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CAREER PATHWAY TO INCREASE EMPLOYMENT  
8 IN THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SECTOR."

9    Renumber succeeding subsection accordingly.

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