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**SENATE BILL 22-147**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH-CARE INTEGRATION SERVICES FOR**  
102 **CHILDREN, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN**  
103 **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>.)*

The bill creates in the university of Colorado the Colorado pediatric psychiatry consultation and access program (CoPPCAP). The purpose of CoPPCAP is to support primary care providers in identifying and treating mild to moderate behavioral health conditions in children in primary care practices or school-based health centers.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

The bill requires the general assembly to appropriate from the behavioral and mental health cash fund:

- \$4.6 million to CoPPCAP;
- \$5 million to the behavioral health care professional matching grant program to expand access to behavioral health-care services for children and families; and
- \$1.5 million to the school-based health center grant program.

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

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly  
3 finds that:

4 (a) During the COVID-19 pandemic, children have been faced  
5 with unprecedented challenges, including how they attend school, interact  
6 with friends, and receive health care;

7 (b) During this unprecedented time, children and their families  
8 may have lost access to behavioral and mental health care, social services,  
9 income, food, or housing;

10 (c) Since the COVID-19 pandemic began, rates of psychological  
11 distress among young people have increased, including symptoms of  
12 anxiety, depression, and other behavioral and mental health disorders;

13 (d) The Colorado pediatric psychiatry consultation and access  
14 program (CoPPCAP) will provide peer-to-peer consultations, education,  
15 and support to pediatric primary care providers in order to identify and  
16 treat mild to moderate behavioral health concerns presenting in primary  
17 care;

18 (e) The behavioral health care professional matching grant  
19 program provides funding to education providers to increase the presence  
20 of school health professionals to provide behavioral health care to  
21 students who have mental health, substance use or misuse, or other

1 behavioral health needs;

2 (f) The school-based health center grant program provides access  
3 to school-based primary health care for children and adolescents, serving  
4 primarily low-income schools. The majority of students who attend  
5 schools with on-site health centers are from low-income families, are  
6 medically uninsured or underinsured, and qualify for free or reduced-cost  
7 school lunch pursuant to the federal "Richard B. Russell National School  
8 Lunch Act", 42 U.S.C. sec. 1751 et seq.

9 (g) The federal government enacted the "American Rescue Plan  
10 Act of 2021", Pub.L. 117-2, to provide support to state, local, and tribal  
11 governments in responding to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic;  
12 and

13 (h) Regulations construing the federal act promulgated by the  
14 United States treasury identify a nonexclusive list of uses for the  
15 COVID-19 pandemic and its negative public health impacts.

16 (2)(a) Therefore, the general assembly declares that children have  
17 been disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and its  
18 negative public health impacts during this public health emergency. The  
19 programs and services described in this legislative declaration are  
20 appropriate uses of the money transferred to Colorado under the federal  
21 act. This money will expand access to evidence-based treatment for  
22 behavioral health services that CoPPCAP, the school-based health center  
23 grant program, and the behavioral health care professional matching grant  
24 program provide to children and families.

25 (b) The general assembly further declares that CoPPCAP, the  
26 behavioral health care professional matching grant program, and the  
27 school-based health center grant program are important government

1 services.

2 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 23-20-144 as  
3 follows:

4 **23-20-144. Colorado pediatric psychiatry consultation and**  
5 **access program (CoPPCAP) - created.** (1) THERE IS CREATED IN THE  
6 UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO THE COLORADO PEDIATRIC PSYCHIATRY  
7 CONSULTATION AND ACCESS PROGRAM, REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION AS  
8 "CoPPCAP". CoPPCAP SHALL:

9 (a) SUPPORT PRIMARY CARE PROVIDERS TO IDENTIFY AND TREAT  
10 MILD TO MODERATE PEDIATRIC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONDITIONS IN  
11 PRIMARY CARE PRACTICES OR SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS;

12 (b) PROVIDE SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE TO PRIMARY CARE  
13 PROVIDERS WITH THE INTEGRATION OF PEDIATRIC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
14 SCREENING AND TREATMENT INTO PRIMARY CARE PRACTICES;

15 (c) PROVIDE PEER-TO-PEER CONSULTATIONS WITH PRIMARY CARE  
16 PROVIDERS AND INTEGRATED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CLINICIANS;

17 (d) IDENTIFY EVIDENCE-BASED RESOURCES AND CARE  
18 COORDINATION TO SUPPORT DIAGNOSIS, TREATMENT, AND REFERRALS FOR  
19 CHILDREN WITH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE NEEDS;

20 (e) SUPPORT ALL PATIENTS SEEN IN COLORADO PRIMARY CARE  
21 PRACTICES REGARDLESS OF PAYER OR ABILITY TO PAY;

22 (f) CREATE ONGOING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOCUSED ON  
23 PEDIATRIC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONDITIONS; AND

24 (g) CREATE DIGITAL RESOURCES FOCUSED ON PEDIATRIC  
25 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONDITIONS.

26 (2) (a) CoPPCAP MAY ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH THE  
27 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT REGARDING THE

1 PROVISION OF FEDERAL HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES  
2 ADMINISTRATION PROGRAMS.

3 (b) CoPPCAP MAY COLLABORATE WITH STATE AGENCIES,  
4 SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS, PRIMARY CARE PROVIDERS,  
5 INTEGRATED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CLINICS, AND COMMUNITY-BASED  
6 SOCIAL SERVICE OR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROVIDERS TO PROVIDE  
7 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT AND TREATMENT TO CHILDREN AND  
8 FAMILIES.

9 (3) CoPPCAP IS AUTHORIZED TO SEEK, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND  
10 GIFTS, GRANTS, AND DONATIONS FROM PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SOURCES TO  
11 IMPLEMENT CoPPCAP.

12 (4) FOR THE 2022-23 STATE FISCAL YEAR, THE GENERAL  
13 ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE FOUR MILLION SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND  
14 DOLLARS FROM THE BEHAVIORAL AND MENTAL HEALTH CASH FUND  
15 CREATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-75-230 TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF  
16 THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO TO FUND CoPPCAP TO RESPOND TO THE  
17 COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND ITS NEGATIVE PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACTS.  
18 CoPPCAP SHALL SPEND OR OBLIGATE ANY MONEY BY DECEMBER 31,  
19 2024. ANY MONEY OBLIGATED BY DECEMBER 31, 2024, MUST BE  
20 EXPENDED BY DECEMBER 31, 2026.

21 (5) THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO  
22 AND CoPPCAP SHALL COMPLY WITH THE COMPLIANCE, REPORTING,  
23 RECORD-KEEPING, AND PROGRAM EVALUATION REQUIREMENTS  
24 ESTABLISHED BY THE OFFICE OF STATE PLANNING AND BUDGETING AND  
25 THE STATE CONTROLLER IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 24-75-226 (5).

26 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-96-104, **add** (5.3)  
27 as follows:

1           **22-96-104. Behavioral health care professional matching grant**  
2 **program - application - criteria - grant awards.** (5.3) (a) FOR THE  
3 2022-23 BUDGET YEAR, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE  
4 FIVE MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE BEHAVIORAL AND MENTAL HEALTH  
5 CASH FUND CREATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-75-230 TO THE  
6 DEPARTMENT TO FUND THE PROGRAM FOR THE BENEFIT OF INCREASING  
7 THE PRESENCE OF SCHOOL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS IN SCHOOLS TO  
8 RESPOND TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND ITS NEGATIVE PUBLIC HEALTH  
9 IMPACTS. THE DEPARTMENT OR THE GRANTEE AWARDED MONEY SHALL  
10 SPEND OR OBLIGATE ANY MONEY BY DECEMBER 31, 2024. ANY MONEY  
11 OBLIGATED BY DECEMBER 31, 2024, MUST BE EXPENDED BY DECEMBER  
12 31, 2026.

13           (b) THE DEPARTMENT AND THE GRANTEE SHALL COMPLY WITH  
14 THE COMPLIANCE, REPORTING, RECORD-KEEPING, AND PROGRAM  
15 EVALUATION REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE OFFICE OF STATE  
16 PLANNING AND BUDGETING AND THE STATE CONTROLLER IN ACCORDANCE  
17 WITH SECTION 24-75-226 (5).

18           **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-20.5-503, **add**  
19 (2)(c) as follows:

20           **25-20.5-503. School-based health center grant program -**  
21 **creation - funding - grants.** (2) (c) (I) FOR THE 2022-23 BUDGET YEAR,  
22 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED  
23 THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM THE BEHAVIORAL AND MENTAL HEALTH CASH  
24 FUND CREATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-75-230 TO THE DEPARTMENT TO  
25 FUND THE GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE BENEFIT OF SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH  
26 CENTERS TO RESPOND TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND ITS NEGATIVE  
27 PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACTS. THE DEPARTMENT OR THE GRANTEE AWARDED

1 MONEY SHALL SPEND OR OBLIGATE ANY MONEY PRIOR TO DECEMBER 31,  
2 2024. ANY MONEY OBLIGATED BY DECEMBER 31, 2024, MUST BE  
3 EXPENDED BY DECEMBER 31, 2026.

4 (II) THE DEPARTMENT AND THE GRANTEEES SHALL COMPLY WITH  
5 THE COMPLIANCE, REPORTING, RECORD-KEEPING, AND PROGRAM  
6 EVALUATION REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE OFFICE OF STATE  
7 PLANNING AND BUDGETING AND THE STATE CONTROLLER IN ACCORDANCE  
8 WITH SECTION 24-75-226 (5).

9 **SECTION 5. Appropriation.** For the 2022-23 state fiscal year,  
10 \$4,600,000 is appropriated to the department of higher education for use  
11 by the regents of the university of Colorado. This appropriation is from  
12 the behavioral and mental health cash fund created in section 24-75-230  
13 (2)(a), C.R.S., and is of money the state received from the federal  
14 coronavirus state fiscal recovery fund. To implement this act, the regents  
15 may use this appropriation for the Colorado pediatric psychiatry  
16 consultation and access program. Any money appropriated in this section  
17 not expended prior to July 1, 2023, is further appropriated to the regents  
18 from July 1, 2023, through December 30, 2024, for the same purpose.

19 (2) For the 2022-23 state fiscal year, \$5,000,000 is appropriated  
20 to the department of education. This appropriation is from the behavioral  
21 and mental health cash fund created in section 24-75-230 (2)(a), C.R.S.,  
22 is of money the state received from the federal coronavirus state fiscal  
23 recovery fund, and is based on an assumption that the department will  
24 require an additional 0.4 FTE. To implement this act, the department may  
25 use this appropriation for the behavioral health care professionals  
26 matching grant program. Any money appropriated in this section not  
27 expended prior to July 1, 2023, is further appropriated to the department

1 from July 1, 2023, through December 30, 2024, for the same purpose.  
2 (3) For the 2022-23 state fiscal year, \$1,500,000 is appropriated  
3 to the department of public health and environment for use by the  
4 prevention services division. This appropriation is from the behavioral  
5 and mental health cash fund created in section 24-75-230 (2)(a), C.R.S.,  
6 is of money the state received from the federal coronavirus state fiscal  
7 recovery fund, and is based on an assumption that the division will  
8 require an additional 0.4 FTE. To implement this act, the division may  
9 use this appropriation for school-based health centers. Any money  
10 appropriated in this section not expended prior to July 1, 2023, is further  
11 appropriated to the division from July 1, 2023, through December 30,  
12 2024, for the same purpose.

13 **SECTION 6. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
14 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
15 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.