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**SENATE BILL 24-055**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING SUPPORTING THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE OF**  
102 **INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN AGRICULTURE, AND, IN CONNECTION**  
103 **THEREWITH, MAKING 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>.)*

The bill creates the agricultural and rural community behavioral health liaison (liaison) position in the behavioral health administration (BHA) to serve as a liaison between the BHA, department of agriculture (department), behavioral health-care providers, rural community leaders, agricultural communities, and nonprofit organizations that serve

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agricultural communities. The liaison shall:

- Engage in statewide community outreach to educate communities on the impact of behavioral health issues facing farmers, ranchers, and other individuals involved in agricultural or rural communities;
- Establish interdepartmental relationships; and
- Develop an understanding of and address the root causes of behavioral health issues in the agricultural industry and in rural communities.

The bill creates the agricultural behavioral health community of practice work group (work group) in the department. The purpose of the work group is to convene a group of leaders and experts in agriculture and behavioral health care to improve access to behavioral health care for those involved in agriculture. The work group consists of at least 7 members and shall:

- Compile best practices to provide behavioral health care to those involved in agriculture;
- Identify gaps in access to comprehensive behavioral health care for those involved in agriculture;
- Engage with other stakeholders involved in behavioral health care focused on those involved in agriculture; and
- Collect data on behavioral health-care outcomes in agricultural communities and steps taken to support those involved in agriculture through behavioral health initiatives and programs.

The work group is scheduled for sunset review and repeal on September 1, 2029.

The bill establishes the agricultural behavioral health grant program (grant program) in the department. The purpose of the grant program is to:

- Continue existing programs or create new programs that address the root causes of behavioral health issues in the agricultural industry or in rural communities;
- Strengthen collaborative efforts between organizations and communities in addressing the root causes of behavioral health issues in the agricultural industry or in rural communities; and
- Improve access to health, wellness, and behavioral health care for farmers, ranchers, and other agricultural industry workers.

The bill requires the department to contract with a statewide agricultural organization to convene an in-person annual summit for organizations with an interest in promoting and providing behavioral health care to agricultural communities.

The department and the BHA are required to enter into an

interagency agreement to share data collected in the course of addressing behavioral health-care issues in the agricultural industry and in rural communities.

On or before January 1, 2026, and each January 1 thereafter, the department is required to submit a report summarizing data collected by the work group, and data collected from grant recipients, to the agriculture, water, and natural resources committee and the health and human services committee of the house of representatives and the agriculture and natural resources committee and the health and human services committee of the senate, or their successor committees, and the BHA. On or before January 1, 2027, and each January 1 thereafter, the department shall include in the report a summary of the data collected regarding the in-person annual summit.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 27-60-303, **add** (1.5)  
3 as follows:

4 **27-60-303. Behavioral health administration - additional**  
5 **duties - collaboration with other agencies.** (1.5) (a) THE BHA SHALL  
6 CREATE THE AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL  
7 HEALTH PROGRAM AND IDENTIFY A SPECIFIC BHA STAFF PERSON TO SERVE  
8 AS A LIAISON BETWEEN THE BHA, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,  
9 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH-CARE PROVIDERS, RURAL COMMUNITY LEADERS,  
10 AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITIES, AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THAT  
11 SERVE AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITIES. THE AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL  
12 COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAM SHALL:

13 (I) ENGAGE IN STATEWIDE COMMUNITY OUTREACH TO EDUCATE  
14 COMMUNITIES ON THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ISSUES FARMERS, RANCHERS,  
15 OTHER AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY WORKERS, THEIR FAMILIES, AND RURAL  
16 COMMUNITIES EXPERIENCE;

17 (II) ESTABLISH INTERDEPARTMENTAL RELATIONSHIPS; AND

18 (III) DEVELOP AN UNDERSTANDING OF AND ADDRESS THE ROOT

1 CAUSES OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ISSUES IN THE AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY  
2 AND IN RURAL COMMUNITIES.

3 (b) THE AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL  
4 HEALTH PROGRAM SHALL COORDINATE TRAINING FOR BEHAVIORAL  
5 HEALTH PROVIDERS TO SERVE FARMERS, RANCHERS,        OTHER  
6 AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY WORKERS, AND THEIR FAMILIES EXPERIENCING  
7 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ISSUES.

8 (c) THE AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL  
9 HEALTH PROGRAM STAFF LIAISON SHALL SERVE ON THE AGRICULTURAL  
10 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE WORK GROUP, CREATED  
11 IN SECTION 35-1-121, AND PROVIDE SUPPORT TO THE WORK GROUP AS  
12 NEEDED.

13 (d) THE BHA AND THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL SHALL  
14 ENTER INTO AN INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT TO SHARE DATA COLLECTED IN  
15 THE COURSE OF UNDERSTANDING AND ADDRESSING THE BEHAVIORAL  
16 HEALTH-CARE ISSUES IN THE AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY AND IN RURAL  
17 COMMUNITIES. THE INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT MUST STATE THAT THE  
18 DATA SHARED WILL BE AGGREGATED AND ANONYMIZED, AND DATA  
19 SHARING MUST BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH STATE AND FEDERAL DATA  
20 PRIVACY LAWS.

21 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 35-1-121 as  
22 follows:

23 **35-1-121. Agricultural behavioral health community of**  
24 **practice work group - creation - grant program - reporting - rules -**  
25 **definitions - repeal.** (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT  
26 OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

27 (a) "AGRICULTURAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMUNITY OF

1 PRACTICE WORK GROUP" OR "WORK GROUP" MEANS THE AGRICULTURAL  
2 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE WORK GROUP CREATED IN  
3 SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION.

4 (b) "AGRICULTURAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH GRANT PROGRAM" OR  
5 "GRANT PROGRAM" MEANS THE AGRICULTURAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
6 GRANT PROGRAM CREATED IN SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION.

7 (c) "BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION" MEANS THE  
8 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION ESTABLISHED IN SECTION  
9 27-50-102.

10 (2) (a) THE AGRICULTURAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMUNITY OF  
11 PRACTICE WORK GROUP IS CREATED IN THE DEPARTMENT. THE PURPOSE OF  
12 THE WORK GROUP IS TO CONVENE A GROUP OF LEADERS AND EXPERTS IN  
13 AGRICULTURE AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO  
14 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE FOR FARMERS, RANCHERS,        OTHER  
15 AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY WORKERS, AND THEIR FAMILIES.

16 (b) (I) NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1, 2024, THE COMMISSIONER,  
17 OR THE COMMISSIONER'S DESIGNEE, SHALL APPOINT AT LEAST SEVEN  
18 MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE WORK GROUP, WHICH MUST INCLUDE THE  
19 AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAM  
20 STAFF LIAISON DESCRIBED IN SECTION 27-60-303 (1.5) AND A DESIGNEE  
21 FROM THE OFFICE OF SUICIDE PREVENTION CREATED IN SECTION  
22 25-1.5-101 (1)(w)(I). THE COMMISSIONER, OR THE COMMISSIONER'S  
23 DESIGNEE, MAY ADD ADDITIONAL MEMBERS, IF NECESSARY, TO REPRESENT  
24 THE DIVERSITY OF THE AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY. THE COMMISSIONER,  
25 OR THE COMMISSIONER'S DESIGNEE, SHALL APPOINT MEMBERS WHO  
26 REPRESENT:

27 (A) STATEWIDE ORGANIZATIONS OR INDIAN TRIBES OR TRIBAL

1 ORGANIZATIONS WITH EXPERIENCE PROVIDING ACCESS, SERVICES, AND  
2 RESOURCES FOR THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NEEDS OF THOSE INVOLVED IN  
3 AGRICULTURE;

4 (B) STATEWIDE AGRICULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE  
5 PROGRAMS FOCUSED ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ISSUES;

6 (C) STATEWIDE ORGANIZATIONS THAT ADDRESS MENTAL OR  
7 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ISSUES;

8 (D) VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS;

9 (E) RURAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROVIDERS; AND

10 (F) INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE LIVED EXPERIENCE WITH MENTAL  
11 HEALTH ISSUES, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ISSUES, OR SUBSTANCE USE  
12 DISORDERS AND RECOVERY.

13 (II) THE COMMISSIONER, OR THE COMMISSIONER'S DESIGNEE,  
14 SHALL SELECT A MEMBER OF A STATEWIDE AGRICULTURAL ORGANIZATION  
15 TO CHAIR, FACILITATE, AND LEAD THE WORK GROUP MEETINGS.

16 (c) NO LATER THAN JANUARY 1, 2025, THE WORK GROUP SHALL  
17 CONVENE THE FIRST MEETING AND ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR MEETINGS,  
18 INCLUDING PROCEDURES TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF THE WORK GROUP TO  
19 PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETINGS REMOTELY. THE WORK GROUP SHALL MEET  
20 AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH.

21 (d) THE CHAIR, OR THE CHAIR'S DESIGNEE, SHALL OPEN THE  
22 MEETINGS TO THE PUBLIC, PROVIDE ADVANCE PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE  
23 MEETINGS, AND ALLOW PUBLIC COMMENTS AT THE MEETINGS. THE CHAIR,  
24 OR THE CHAIR'S DESIGNEE, SHALL CONDUCT OUTREACH AND ENCOURAGE  
25 COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN THE PUBLIC MEETINGS.

26 (e) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ORGANIZE TRANSLATION SERVICES,  
27 UPON ADVANCED NOTICE AND REQUEST, FOR MEETINGS HELD PURSUANT

1 TO SUBSECTIONS (2)(c) AND (2)(d) OF THIS SECTION FOR MEMBERS OF THE  
2 WORK GROUP AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ATTEND THE MEETINGS.  
3 THE WORK GROUP SHALL CREATE A PROCESS FOR A MEMBER OF THE WORK  
4 GROUP OR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO REQUEST TRANSLATION SERVICES  
5 IN ADVANCE OF A MEETING.

6 (f) MEMBERS OF THE WORK GROUP WHO ARE COMPENSATED BY AN  
7 ORGANIZATION TO SERVE ON THE WORK GROUP SERVE WITHOUT  
8 COMPENSATION. MEMBERS OF THE WORK GROUP WHO ARE NOT  
9 COMPENSATED BY AN ORGANIZATION TO SERVE ON THE WORK GROUP  
10 MUST RECEIVE COMPENSATION.

11 (g) THE WORK GROUP SHALL:

12 (I) COMPILE BEST PRACTICES TO PROVIDE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
13 CARE TO FARMERS, RANCHERS,        OTHER AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY  
14 WORKERS, AND THEIR FAMILIES;

15 (II) IDENTIFY GAPS IN THE PROVISION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
16 CARE TO FARMERS, RANCHERS,        OTHER AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY  
17 WORKERS, AND THEIR FAMILIES;

18 (III) ENGAGE WITH OTHER STAKEHOLDERS INVOLVED IN  
19 AGRICULTURAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE;

20 (IV) COLLECT DATA, AS PERMITTED BY STATE AND FEDERAL DATA  
21 PRIVACY LAWS, ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH-CARE OUTCOMES IN  
22 AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITIES AND STEPS TAKEN TO SUPPORT FARMERS,  
23 RANCHERS,        OTHER AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY WORKERS, AND THEIR  
24 FAMILIES THROUGH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INITIATIVES AND PROGRAMS;  
25 AND

26 (V) REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT AND THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
27 ADMINISTRATION ON THE DATA COLLECTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION

1 (2)(g)(IV) OF THIS SECTION AND RECOMMEND LEGISLATIVE OR POLICY  
2 CHANGES TO FURTHER IMPROVE AGRICULTURAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
3 CARE.

4 (h) THIS SUBSECTION (2) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1,  
5 2029. BEFORE THE REPEAL, THE WORK GROUP IS SCHEDULED FOR REVIEW  
6 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 2-3-1203.

7 (3)(a) THE AGRICULTURAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH GRANT PROGRAM  
8 IS CREATED IN THE DEPARTMENT. SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE  
9 APPROPRIATIONS, THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADMINISTER THE GRANT  
10 PROGRAM. THE PURPOSE OF THE GRANT PROGRAM IS TO AWARD GRANT  
11 MONEY TO:

12 (I) CONTINUE EXISTING PROGRAMS OR CREATE NEW PROGRAMS  
13 THAT ADDRESS THE ROOT CAUSES OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ISSUES IN THE  
14 AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY OR IN RURAL COMMUNITIES;

15 (II) STRENGTHEN COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS BETWEEN  
16 ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMUNITIES IN ADDRESSING THE ROOT CAUSES OF  
17 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ISSUES IN THE AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY OR IN  
18 RURAL COMMUNITIES; AND

19 (III) IMPROVE ACCESS TO HEALTH, WELLNESS, AND BEHAVIORAL  
20 HEALTH CARE FOR FARMERS, RANCHERS, \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER AGRICULTURAL  
21 INDUSTRY WORKERS, AND THEIR FAMILIES.

22 (b) IN ADMINISTERING THE GRANT PROGRAM PURSUANT TO  
23 SUBSECTION (3)(a) OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

24 (I) DEVELOP THE GRANT APPLICATION;

25 (II) ESTABLISH A DISBURSEMENT TIMELINE FOR THE GRANTS;

26 (III) CREATE A RUBRIC TO EVALUATE GRANT APPLICATIONS;

27 (IV) AWARD GRANT MONEY TO ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS;



1 (V) REQUIRE GRANT RECIPIENTS TO REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT  
2 ON THE PROGRESS OF GRANT-FUNDED PROJECTS, FINDINGS, AND  
3 LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS AND ESTABLISH A DEADLINE FOR THE  
4 SUBMITTAL OF THE REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT; AND

5 (VI) COLLECT THE REPORTS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (3)(b)(V)  
6 FROM GRANT RECIPIENTS ON THE USE OF GRANT FUNDS.

7 (c) IN AWARDING GRANT MONEY PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION  
8 (3)(b)(IV) OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PRIORITIZE  
9 APPLICANTS THAT PRIMARILY SERVE INDIVIDUALS ENGAGED IN  
10 AGRICULTURE. THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF MONEY A GRANT RECIPIENT  
11 MAY RECEIVE ANNUALLY IS FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS.

12 (4) (a) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONTRACT WITH A STATEWIDE  
13 AGRICULTURAL ORGANIZATION THAT HAS ESTABLISHED PROGRAMS  
14 ADDRESSING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ISSUES TO ORGANIZE, MANAGE, AND  
15 CONVENE AN IN-PERSON ANNUAL SUMMIT FOR ORGANIZATIONS WITH AN  
16 INTEREST IN PROMOTING AND PROVIDING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE TO  
17 AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITIES. THE STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION SHALL  
18 CONVENE THE FIRST IN-PERSON ANNUAL SUMMIT NO LATER THAN  
19 DECEMBER 2025. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONTRACT WITH THE  
20 STATEWIDE AGRICULTURAL ORGANIZATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE  
21 "PROCUREMENT CODE", ARTICLES 101 TO 112 OF TITLE 24.

22 (b) THE STATEWIDE AGRICULTURAL ORGANIZATION SHALL  
23 CONDUCT POST-EVENT SURVEYS OF THE INDIVIDUALS WHO ATTEND THE  
24 IN-PERSON ANNUAL SUMMIT.

25 (c) THE STATEWIDE AGRICULTURAL ORGANIZATION SHALL  
26 ANNUALLY PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT:

27 (I) RECEIPTS DOCUMENTING FUNDS SPENT ON THE IN-PERSON

1 ANNUAL SUMMIT; AND

2 (II) A REPORT DESCRIBING THE IN-PERSON ANNUAL SUMMIT,  
3 INCLUDING:

4 (A) THE NUMBER OF ATTENDEES;

5 (B) THE NAMES OF THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT ATTENDED;

6 (C) THE RESULTS OF THE POST-EVENT SURVEYS DESCRIBED IN  
7 SUBSECTION (4)(b) OF THIS SECTION; AND

8 (D) ANY FINDINGS OR RECOMMENDATIONS ON CHANGES FOR  
9 FUTURE IN-PERSON ANNUAL SUMMITS.

10 (d) THE STATEWIDE AGRICULTURAL ORGANIZATION THAT  
11 CONTRACTS WITH THE DEPARTMENT IS NOT BARRED FROM APPLYING TO  
12 THE GRANT PROGRAM.

13 (5) THE DEPARTMENT AND THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
14 ADMINISTRATION SHALL ENTER INTO AN INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT TO  
15 SHARE DATA COLLECTED IN THE COURSE OF UNDERSTANDING AND  
16 ADDRESSING THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH-CARE ISSUES IN THE  
17 AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY AND IN RURAL COMMUNITIES. THE  
18 INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT MUST STATE THAT THE DATA SHARED WILL BE  
19 AGGREGATED AND ANONYMIZED, AND DATA SHARING MUST BE IN  
20 COMPLIANCE WITH STATE AND FEDERAL DATA PRIVACY LAWS.

21 (6) THE DEPARTMENT MAY PROMULGATE RULES AS NECESSARY  
22 FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SECTION.

23 (7) (a) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2026, AND EACH JANUARY 1  
24 THEREAFTER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT SUMMARIZING  
25 THE WORK GROUP REPORT DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2)(g)(V) OF THIS  
26 SECTION AND THE GRANT RECIPIENT REPORTS COLLECTED PURSUANT TO  
27 SUBSECTION (3)(b)(VI) OF THIS SECTION TO THE AGRICULTURE, WATER,

1 AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE AND THE HEALTH AND HUMAN  
2 SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE  
3 AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE AND THE HEALTH  
4 AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR  
5 COMMITTEES, AND THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION.

6 (b) AS PART OF THE JANUARY 1, 2027, REPORT DESCRIBED IN  
7 SUBSECTION (7)(a) OF THIS SECTION, AND IN EACH JANUARY 1 REPORT  
8 THEREAFTER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT SUMMARIZING  
9 THE STATEWIDE AGRICULTURAL ORGANIZATION REPORT COLLECTED  
10 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (4)(c)(II) OF THIS SECTION.

11 (c) NOTWITHSTANDING THE REQUIREMENT IN SECTION 24-1-136  
12 (11)(a)(I), THE REQUIREMENT TO SUBMIT THE REPORT REQUIRED IN THIS  
13 SUBSECTION (7) CONTINUES INDEFINITELY.

14 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-3-1203, **add**  
15 (20)(a)(V) as follows:

16 **2-3-1203. Sunset review of advisory committees - legislative**  
17 **declaration - definition - repeal.** (20) (a) The following statutory  
18 authorizations for the designated advisory committees will repeal on  
19 September 1, 2029:

20 (V) THE AGRICULTURAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMUNITY OF  
21 PRACTICE WORK GROUP CREATED IN SECTION 35-1-121 (2).

22 **SECTION 4. Appropriation. (1) For the 2024-25 state fiscal**  
23 **year, \$61,989 is appropriated to the department of agriculture for use by**  
24 **the commissioner's office and administrative services. This appropriation**  
25 **is from the general fund. To implement this act, the office may use this**  
26 **appropriation as follows:**

27 (a) **\$38,497 for personal services, which amount is based on an**

1 assumption that the office will require an additional 0.5 FTE; and

2 (b) \$23,492 for operating expenses.

3 (2) For the 2024-25 state fiscal year, \$145,116 is appropriated to  
4 the department of human services for use by the behavioral health  
5 administration. This appropriation is from the general fund. To implement  
6 this act, the administration may use this appropriation as follows:

7 (a) \$77,116 for program administration related to the community  
8 behavioral health administration, which amount is based on an  
9 assumption that the administration will require an additional 0.9 FTE; and

10 (b) \$68,000 for the behavioral health workforce learning  
11 management system related to the community behavioral health  
12 administration.

13 **SECTION 5. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
14 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
15 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except  
16 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V  
17 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this  
18 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take  
19 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
20 November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
21 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.