

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Public & Behavioral Health & Human Services.

SB21-137 be amended as follows:

1 Amend reengrossed bill, page 12, after line 7 insert:

2 "SECTION 12. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 27-60-108 as
3 follows:

4 **27-60-108. Behavioral health-care workforce development**
5 **program - creation - rules - report.** (1) THERE IS CREATED IN THE
6 OFFICE THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH-CARE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
7 PROGRAM, REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION AS THE "PROGRAM". THE
8 PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO INCREASE THE BEHAVIORAL
9 HEALTH-CARE WORKFORCE'S ABILITY TO TREAT INDIVIDUALS, INCLUDING
10 YOUTH, WITH SEVERE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DISORDERS.

11 (2) TO IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM, THE OFFICE SHALL:

12 (a) DEVELOP AN ONLINE TRAINING SYSTEM THAT ALLOWS FOR
13 ACCESSIBLE STATEWIDE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES;

14 (b) DEVELOP AN ONLINE TRAINING CURRICULUM FOR PROVIDERS
15 IN RURAL AND METRO AREAS TO INCREASE COMPETENCIES IN MENTAL
16 HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS THAT WILL SUPPORT A
17 HIGH-QUALITY, TRAINED, CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE, AND DIVERSE
18 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH-CARE WORKFORCE;

19 (c) PROVIDE FISCAL INCENTIVES FOR LOWER INCOME INDIVIDUALS
20 TO OBTAIN A DEGREE IN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, WITH FUNDING
21 SPECIFICALLY TARGETED FOR RURAL AREAS OF THE STATE;

22 (d) PROVIDE TRAINING TO THE EXISTING BEHAVIORAL
23 HEALTH-CARE WORKFORCE TO BE CERTIFIED IN FEDERALLY REIMBURSED
24 SERVICES;

25 (e) PROVIDE CAPACITY-BUILDING GRANTS TO DIVERSIFY THE
26 SAFETY-NET PROVIDER WORKFORCE AND MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF
27 SECTION 27-63-103; AND

28 (f) PROVIDE ATTRITION PREVENTION GRANTS FOR NONPROFIT
29 COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH-CARE PROVIDERS WHO SERVE THE
30 SAFETY NET POPULATION.

31 (3) THE STATE DEPARTMENT MAY PROMULGATE RULES AS
32 NECESSARY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SECTION.

33 (4) FOR THE STATE FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 AND EACH STATE FISCAL
34 YEAR THEREAFTER FOR WHICH THE PROGRAM RECEIVES FUNDING, THE
35 STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT A SUMMARY OF THE EXPENDITURES
36 FROM THE PROGRAM, THE IMPACT OF THE EXPENDITURES IN INCREASING
37 THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH-CARE WORKFORCE, AND ANY
38 RECOMMENDATIONS TO STRENGTHEN AND IMPROVE THE BEHAVIORAL
39 HEALTH-CARE WORKFORCE AS PART OF ITS ANNUAL PRESENTATION TO THE
40 GENERAL ASSEMBLY REQUIRED UNDER THE "STATE MEASUREMENT FOR
41 ACCOUNTABLE, RESPONSIVE, AND TRANSPARENT (SMART)
42 GOVERNMENT ACT", PART 2 OF ARTICLE 7 OF TITLE 2."

43 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

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