

SB137\_L.049

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Public & Behavioral Health & Human Services.

SB21-137 be amended as follows:

1 Amend reengrossed bill, page 6, after line 4 insert:

2 "SECTION 6. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** part 9 to article  
3 21 of title 23 as follows:

4 PART 9

5 REGIONAL HEALTH CONNECTOR

6 WORKFORCE PROGRAM

7 **23-21-901. Regional health connector workforce program -**  
8 **creation - school of medicine.** (1) THERE IS CREATED IN THE UNIVERSITY  
9 OF COLORADO SCHOOL OF MEDICINE THE REGIONAL HEALTH CONNECTOR  
10 WORKFORCE PROGRAM, REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION AS THE "PROGRAM".  
11 THE PROGRAM SHALL:

12 (a) EDUCATE HEALTH-CARE PROVIDERS ON EVIDENCE-BASED AND  
13 EVIDENCE-INFORMED THERAPIES AND TECHNIQUES TO ENABLE  
14 HEALTH-CARE PROVIDERS TO INCORPORATE SUCH PRACTICES IN THEIR  
15 WORK AND TO IMPROVE COMMUNITY HEALTH;

16 (b) PROVIDE SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE TO PRIMARY CARE  
17 PROVIDERS AS A LINK BETWEEN PRIMARY CARE SERVICES, BEHAVIORAL  
18 HEALTH SERVICES, PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES, AND COMMUNITY AGENCIES  
19 TO IMPROVE COMMUNITY HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE, INCLUDING  
20 ATTENTION TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NEEDS;

21 (c) ASSIST PRIMARY CARE PRACTICES AND COMMUNITY AGENCIES  
22 IN CONNECTING PATIENTS WITH MENTAL HEALTH OR SUBSTANCE USE  
23 DISORDERS TO SUPPORT AND TREATMENT OPTIONS;

24 (d) EDUCATE HEALTH-CARE PROVIDERS ABOUT PREVENTIVE  
25 MEDICINE, HEALTH PROMOTION, CHRONIC DISEASE MANAGEMENT, AND  
26 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES; AND

27 (e) PROVIDE CLEAR INFORMATION TO PROVIDERS AND COMMUNITY  
28 MEMBERS REGARDING COVID-19 PREVENTION, TREATMENT, AND  
29 VACCINES."

30 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

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