

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 April 12, 2023

3 **AS AMENDED**

4 ENGROSSED HOUSE

5 BILL NO. 2036

6 By: Boatman of the House

7 and

8 Haste of the Senate

9 **[mental health workers - revolving fund - pilot**
10 **program - report - codification - effective date -**
11 **emergency]**

12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

13 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
14 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3278.1 of Title 63, unless there
15 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

16 A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving
17 fund for the Oklahoma State University Medical Authority to be
18 designated the "Oklahoma State University Medical Authority
19 Behavioral Health Workforce Development Fund". The fund shall be a
20 continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall
21 consist of appropriated revenues and private endowments. All monies
22 accruing to the credit of said fund are hereby appropriated and may
23 be budgeted and expended by the Oklahoma State University Medical
24 Authority for the purpose of designing and implementing a pilot

1 program at behavioral health facilities, the purpose of which is to
2 provide for behavioral health workforce development and access to
3 behavioral health professionals as provided by law. The purpose of
4 the pilot program includes, but is not limited to, bed conversion
5 and new beds; renovations at behavioral health facilities to
6 accommodate new licensed acute or residential treatment beds;
7 reallocation of beds from adult acute to child/adolescent acute
8 beds; relocation assistance for licensed behavioral health staff
9 currently living out of state; upskilling existing behavioral health
10 workforce; adding new psychiatric residents; and creating a
11 behavioral health trauma fund for intensive home and community-based
12 services. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants
13 issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by
14 law with the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise
15 Services for approval and payment.

16 B. The Oklahoma State University Medical Authority shall
17 prepare a report for the Legislature on the results of the first
18 year of funding, including the number of professionals retained and
19 recruited, and the expected benefits of the program. The report
20 shall be delivered to relevant health care committee and
21 appropriations subcommittee chairs following the first full year of
22 implementation.

23 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2023.
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1 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
2 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
3 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
4 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

5 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
6 April 12, 2023 - DO PASS AS AMENDED
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