

SENATE BILL 7099

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33; Title 46; Title 49 and Title 67, relative to the use of sales tax proceeds for mental health resources and services.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, Chapter 6, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) Notwithstanding § 67-6-103 or another law to the contrary, one hundred percent (100%) of the sales tax proceeds collected on firearms, ammunition, and firearm accessories must be deposited by the commissioner into the mental health resources account, created in subsection (b).

(b) There is created within the state treasury a "mental health resources account." Amounts remaining in the account at the end of each fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund, but must remain in the account.

(c) The state treasurer shall allocate grants from the mental health resources account to local governments and nonprofit organizations to be used for providing mental health resources or services within this state.

(d) A local government or nonprofit organization must submit an application, by May 1 of each year, to the state treasurer to receive a grant pursuant to subsection (c).

(e) If the number of applications received pursuant to subsection (d) exceeds the amount in the account, then the state treasurer shall create and implement guidelines on grant preferences.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect October 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.