

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 2175

By: Roe

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9 An Act relating to public health and safety; amending
10 63 O.S. 2021, Section 1-2733, which relates to mental
11 health loan repayment revolving fund; renaming the
12 revolving fund; expanding the purpose of the fund;
13 requiring application for funding from other state,
14 tribal, and federal funding; directing promulgation
15 of rules; and providing an effective date.

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

17 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 1-2733, is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 Section 1-2733. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a
20 revolving fund for the State Department of Mental Health and
21 Substance Abuse to be designated the "~~Mental Health Loan Repayment
22 Revolving Fund~~ Behavioral Health Workforce Development Fund". The
23 fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year
24 limitations, and shall consist of all monies deposited to the credit
of the fund by law. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund

1 are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the
2 State Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services for
3 the purpose of repaying mental health and substance treatment
4 provider student loans, increasing the number of psychiatric
5 residencies, expanding licensure cohorts to increase the number of
6 master's level clinicians, and developing training, recruitment and
7 supervision capacity. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon
8 warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as
9 prescribed by law with the Director of the Office of Management and
10 Enterprise Services for approval and payment.

11 B. The State Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse
12 Services shall make every attempt to work with health care loan
13 repayment programs operated by other states, tribal, and federal
14 agencies, including applying for matching federal grants, with the
15 goal of maximizing and coordinating resources to fill gaps in loan
16 repayment availability for critically-needed mental health
17 professions.

18 C. The Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
19 shall promulgate rules to effectuate the provisions of this section.

20 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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22 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, dated 02/23/2023 -
23 DO PASS, As Amended.

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