

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 849

Sponsor: REPRESENTATIVE HEFFLEY

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1 Amend Bill, page 4, line 5, by striking out "\$15,000,000" and

2 inserting

3 \$12,000,000

4 Amend Bill, page 5, line 23, by striking out "5%" and

5 inserting

6 2%

7 Amend Bill, page 7, by inserting between lines 8 and 9

8 (G) Certified community behavioral health
9 clinics.

10 Amend Bill, page 7, line 9, by striking out "(G)" and

11 inserting

12 (H)

13 Amend Bill, page 7, line 22, by striking out "care" and

14 inserting

15 professional

16 Amend Bill, page 8, line 1, by striking out "5%" and

17 inserting

18 2%

19 Amend Bill, page 8, line 5, by striking out "\$7,000,000" and

20 inserting

21 \$10,000,000

22 Amend Bill, page 8, line 9, by striking out "care" and

23 inserting

24 professional

1 Amend Bill, page 10, line 10, by striking out "5%" and
2 inserting

3 2%

4 Amend Bill, page 10, line 15, by striking out "\$25,500,000"
5 and inserting

6 \$31,500,000

7 Amend Bill, page 10, by inserting between lines 28 and 29

8 (F) Law enforcement agencies.

9 Amend Bill, page 11, by inserting between lines 7 and 8

10 (D) Forensic transition housing.

11 Amend Bill, page 11, line 13, by striking out "for prearrest
12 diversion." and inserting

13 to establish a prearrest diversion program to award
14 competitive grants to eligible applicants. The following
15 apply:

16 (i) Eligible applicants include:

17 (A) Law enforcement agencies.

18 (B) Crisis intervention service providers.

19 (C) Behavioral health providers.

20 (D) Nonprofit or community-based organizations.

21 (E) Treatment providers in partnership with
22 peer-run organizations.

23 (ii) Grant money may be used for:

24 (A) Establishing or supporting co-responder
25 models.

26 (B) Training for first responders or law
27 enforcement crisis and deescalation.

28 (C) Establishing or supporting warm hand-off
29 transfer programs.

30 (iii) The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and
31 Delinquency shall develop grant guidelines, a grant
32 application and a process to review applications. The
33 guidelines shall give priority to applications that
34 demonstrate innovative and collaborative partnerships.

35 (3) The sum of \$6,000,000 to the Pennsylvania Commission
36 on Crime and Delinquency to establish a program or programs
37 to award one-time competitive grants to eligible applicants.
38 The following apply:

39 (i) Eligible applicants include:

40 (A) Community-based organizations.

41 (B) Law enforcement agencies.

42 (C) Victim services or advocacy organizations.

1 (D) Mental health providers who work in trauma
2 informed care.

3 (ii) Grant money may be used for:

4 (A) Gun violence prevention and mental health.

5 (B) Trauma-informed care for victims of crime
6 and the family of the victim.

7 (C) Community outreach and education.

8 (iii) The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and
9 Delinquency shall develop grant guidelines, a grant
10 application and a process to review applications. The
11 guidelines shall give priority to applications that
12 demonstrate innovative and collaborative partnerships.

13 Amend Bill, page 11, line 14, by striking out "(3)" and
14 inserting

15 (4)

16 Amend Bill, page 12, line 18, by striking out "\$40,000,000"
17 and inserting

18 \$34,500,000

19 Amend Bill, page 12, line 21, by striking out "\$15,000,000"
20 and inserting

21 \$18,000,000

22 Amend Bill, page 12, lines 27 through 30; page 13, lines 1
23 through 9; by striking out all of said lines on said pages and
24 inserting

25 (i) Eligible applicants include:

26 (A) County mental health administrators.

27 (B) Hospitals or health systems.

28 (C) Crisis intervention services providers.

29 (D) Law enforcement agencies.

30 (E) Behavioral health providers.

31 (F) Peer support specialists or other peer-led
32 or peer-run organizations.

33 (ii) Grant money may be used for:

34 (A) One-time payments for capital projects to
35 establish, modify or improve facilities to provide
36 crisis or mental health treatment supports and
37 services, including, but not limited to, crisis walk-
38 in centers or crisis stabilization units.

39 (B) Innovative inpatient/outpatient models.

40 (C) Crisis residential facilities.

41 (D) Mobile crisis teams.

42 (E) Community outreach and education programs.

1 (iii) The Department of Human Services shall develop
2 grant guidelines, a grant application and a process to
3 review applications. The guidelines shall give priority
4 to applications that demonstrate innovative and
5 collaborative partnerships between counties, including
6 eligible applicants specified under subparagraph (i) with
7 additional community partnerships which may include, but
8 not be limited to, other system partners and providers,
9 area agencies on aging, children and youth services,
10 substance use treatment providers, autism and
11 intellectual and developmental disabilities service
12 providers, existing providers of crisis services,
13 including family and peer advocates, victim services,
14 first responders or criminal and juvenile justice system
15 leadership.

16 (iv) As used in this paragraph, the term "capital
17 project" means the construction, repair, renovation,
18 improvement, equipping, furnishing or acquisition of a
19 building, structure, facility, infrastructure or physical
20 public betterment or improvement.

21 Amend Bill, page 13, line 15, by striking out "5%" and
22 inserting

23 2%

24 Amend Bill, page 14, lines 13 through 30; page 15, lines 1
25 through 14; by striking out all of lines 13 through 30 on page
26 14, all of lines 1 through 13 and "(4)" in line 14 on page 15
27 and inserting

28 (3)

29 Amend Bill, page 15, line 14, by striking out "\$6,000,000"
30 and inserting

31 \$3,500,000

32 Amend Bill, page 15, line 29, by striking out "(5)" and
33 inserting

34 (4)

35 Amend Bill, page 15, line 29, by striking out "\$1,000,000"
36 and inserting

37 \$3,000,000

38 Amend Bill, page 17, lines 6 through 22, by striking out all

1 of said lines and inserting

2 (f) Study.--The Legislative Budget and Finance Committee
3 shall perform the following duties:

4 (1) Conduct a study that examines:

5 (i) The impact of the initiatives supported by the
6 funding distributed under this section.

7 (ii) Information provided with regards to the
8 recipients of the funding allocations under this section
9 to the Department of Human Services as the Department of
10 Human Services deems necessary to adequately conduct the
11 study.

12 (iii) Information gathered from organizations which
13 have utilized grants or additional resources provided to
14 the Department of Human Services, working in
15 collaboration with the Legislative Budget and Finance
16 Committee and other State agencies that have established
17 programs, which may include the following:

18 (A) The amount of funding received.

19 (B) How many individuals are served.

20 (C) The amount awarded to individuals who
21 received loan forgiveness or assistance with
22 education and job training.

23 (D) The name and location of new programs or
24 descriptions of enhancements made to existing
25 programs.

26 (E) Any other information deemed necessary by
27 the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee or the
28 Department of Human Services.

29 (2) Prepare a written report of the results of the study
30 and submit the report to the Senate and the House of
31 Representatives no later than June 30, 2027.

32 Amend Bill, page 18, by inserting between lines 8 and 9

33 (i) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
34 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
35 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

36 "Health professional shortage area." A geographic or
37 population area in this Commonwealth designated by the United
38 States Department of Health and Human Services that indicates a
39 health care professional shortage in mental health.