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2 All monies accruing to the credit of said fund are hereby
3 appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Oklahoma State
4 University Medical Authority for the purpose of designing and
5 implementing a pilot program at behavioral health facilities, the
6 purpose of which is to provide for behavioral health workforce
7 development and access to behavioral health professionals as
8 provided by law. The purpose of the pilot program includes, but is
9 not limited to, bed conversion and new beds; renovations at
10 behavioral health facilities to accommodate new licensed acute or
11 residential treatment beds; reallocation of beds from adult acute to
12 child/adolescent acute beds; relocation assistance for licensed
13 behavioral health staff currently living out of state; upskilling
14 existing behavioral health workforce; adding new ~~psychiatric~~
15 residents psychiatric and psychological residencies, internships and
16 post-doctoral training programs; providing social work scholarships;
17 providing mental health nursing scholarships; creating one-time
18 private-sector workforce innovation grants; providing licensure
19 preparation assistance; and creating a behavioral health trauma fund
20 for intensive home and community-based services. Expenditures from
21 the fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer
22 against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of the
23 Office of Management and Enterprise Services for approval and
24 payment.

1 B. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving
2 fund for the University Hospitals Authority and Trust to be
3 designated the "University Hospitals Authority and Trust Behavioral
4 Health Workforce Development Fund". The fund shall be a continuing
5 fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of
6 appropriated revenues and private endowments. All monies accruing
7 to the credit of said fund are hereby appropriated and may be
8 budgeted and expended by the University Hospitals Authority and
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17 assistance for licensed behavioral health staff currently living out
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19 new psychiatric and psychological residencies, internships and post-
20 doctoral training programs; providing social work scholarships;
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3 Office of Management and Enterprise Services for approval and
4 payment.

5 ~~B.~~ C. The Oklahoma State University Medical Authority and the
6 University Hospitals Authority and Trust shall prepare a report for
7 the Legislature on the results of the first year of funding,
8 including the number of professionals retained and recruited, and
9 the expected benefits of the program. The report shall be delivered
10 to relevant health care committee and appropriations subcommittee
11 chairs following the first full year of implementation.

12 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
13 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
14 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
15 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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17 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET, dated
18 02/22/2024 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.

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