



February 17, 2023

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (DMHSAS) to use funds distributed to the department from the *Tennessee Sports Gaming Act* to oversee a grant program with organizations to provide treatment services to address juvenile addiction and mental health disorders. Requires the DMHSAS to include information outlining activities relating to juvenile addiction and mental health disorders in its annual report to the Governor, the Speaker of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Other Fiscal Impact - The extent to which expenditures from the Tennessee Sports Gaming Privilege Tax for Mental Health Fund will increase to fund additional grant programs is unknown; however, the Fund had an available balance of \$4,690,000, as of November 2022.**

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-49-119(c), the DMHSAS is required to use funds distributed to the department from the privilege tax on sports wagering to oversee one or more grant programs with organizations to provide treatment services for individuals with problem gambling or a gambling disorder.
- The proposed legislation would expand the requirement of the DMHSAS to oversee a grant program, secondarily to any gambling programs, to address juvenile addiction and mental health disorders.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-49-119(c), the DMHSAS may use funds from the Tennessee Sports Gaming Privilege Tax for Mental Health Fund (Fund) to cover administrative costs and the costs of professional services associated with overseeing each grant program.
- The extent to which funds will be expended towards programs for juvenile addiction and mental health disorders, secondarily to programs for problem gambling and gambling disorders, is unknown.
- According to information provided by the DMHSAS, the Fund had a balance of approximately \$4,690,000, as of November 2022.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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