

HOUSE BILL NO. 936

INTRODUCED BY J. GILLETTE

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT; REQUIRING THAT A PORTION OF THE HOSPITAL UTILIZATION FEE BE USED FOR HOSPITAL QUALITY AND EFFICIENCY INCENTIVE PAYMENTS; REQUIRING THAT A PORTION OF THE HOSPITAL UTILIZATION FEE BE USED FOR PAYMENTS TO INDEPENDENT NONAFFILIATED CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITALS; ALLOWING LOAN REPAYMENT AND FUNDING FOR ADDITIONAL BEDS AT THE MONTANA STATE HOSPITAL TO BE ELIGIBLE USES OF THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEM FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS FUND ON A ONE-TIME BASIS; PROVIDING FOR A TRANSFER OF FUNDS; ESTABLISHING REPORTING REQUIREMENTS; AMENDING SECTIONS 50-1-119 AND 53-6-149, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 50-1-119, MCA, is amended to read:

"50-1-119. Behavioral health system for future generations fund. (1) There is an account in the state special revenue fund established in 17-2-102 to be known as the behavioral health system for future generations fund.

(2) There must be deposited in the account money received from legislative general fund transfers.

(3) Eligible uses of the fund include:

(a) medicaid and CHIP matching funds for payments made to behavioral health settings;

(b) medicaid and CHIP matching funds for payments made to intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities;

(c) statewide community-based investments to stabilize behavioral health and developmental disabilities service providers and delivery, increase and strengthen the behavioral health and developmental disabilities workforce, increase service capacity to meet identified behavioral health and developmental disabilities services demands, and increase opportunities for Montanans to receive integrated physical and

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2 NEW SECTION. **Section 6. Transfer of funds.** By June 20, 2025, the state treasurer shall transfer
3 \$6 million from the Montana tobacco settlement trust fund state special revenue fund account provided for in
4 17-6-603 to the behavioral health system for future generations fund provided for in 50-1-119 for the purposes
5 of addressing issues related to behavioral health, including the use of tobacco.

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7 COORDINATION SECTION. **Section 7. Coordination instruction.** The appropriation in House Bill
8 No. 2 for certified community behavioral health centers is contingent on the passage and approval of House Bill
9 No. 574. If House Bill No. 574 is not passed and approved, the appropriation in House Bill No. 2 is void.

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11 NEW SECTION. **Section 8. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2025.

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13 NEW SECTION. **Section 9. Termination.** [This act] terminates June 30, 2027.

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