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HOUSE BILL NO. 936

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL  
5 APPROPRIATIONS ACT; REQUIRING THAT A PORTION OF THE HOSPITAL UTILIZATION FEE BE USED  
6 FOR HOSPITAL QUALITY AND EFFICIENCY INCENTIVE PAYMENTS; REQUIRING THAT A PORTION OF  
7 THE HOSPITAL UTILIZATION FEE BE USED FOR PAYMENTS TO INDEPENDENT NONAFFILIATED  
8 CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITALS; ALLOWING LOAN REPAYMENT AND FUNDING FOR ADDITIONAL BEDS  
9 AT THE MONTANA STATE HOSPITAL TO BE ELIGIBLE USES OF THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEM  
10 FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS FUND ON A ONE-TIME BASIS; **PROVIDING FOR A STUDY ON THE LONG-**  
11 **TERM SUSTAINABILITY OF OBJECTIVES IN HB 872;** ESTABLISHING REPORTING REQUIREMENTS;  
12 AMENDING ~~SECTIONS~~ SECTION 50-1-119 AND 53-6-149, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE  
13 AND A TERMINATION DATE."

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

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

18 **"50-1-119. Behavioral health system for future generations fund.** (1) There is an account in the  
19 state special revenue fund established in 17-2-102 to be known as the behavioral health system for future  
20 generations fund.

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

22 (3) Eligible uses of the fund include:

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

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

26 (c) statewide community-based investments to stabilize behavioral health and developmental  
27 disabilities service providers and delivery, increase and strengthen the behavioral health and developmental  
28 disabilities workforce, increase service capacity to meet identified behavioral health and developmental

1    Ch. 415, L. 2019.)"

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3            **NEW SECTION. Section 5. Long-term sustainability of HB 872 study -- committee.** (1) During  
4 the interim following the 69th legislative session, there is a House Bill No. 872 long-term sustainability  
5 committee to analyze and propose mechanisms to provide sustainable funding for long-term objectives of  
6 House Bill No. 872 to the executive branch and to the legislative finance committee in preparation for the 70th  
7 legislative session.

8            (2) The committee consists of the following members:

9            (a) the chair of the health and human services appropriations joint subcommittee;  
10           (b) two members of the health and human services appropriations joint subcommittee, with one  
11 appointed by the speaker of the house and one appointed by the minority leader of the house in consultation  
12 with the chair of the health and human services appropriations joint subcommittee;  
13           (c) the director of the department of public health and human services, or the director's designee;  
14           (d) the medicaid bureau chief; and  
15           (e) the budget director or the director's designee.

16           (3) The department of public health and human services shall staff the committee and pay for the  
17 operational costs of the committee.

18           (4) The office of budget and program planning and the legislative fiscal division shall provide  
19 research and analysis at the request of the committee.

20           (5) The committee shall elect a presiding officer from one of the members who is a legislator and  
21 elect a vice presiding officer.

22           (6) Starting June 1, 2025, the committee shall meet every 2 months and may meet remotely.

23           (7) The committee shall reserve time at each committee meeting for public comment. Public  
24 participation is encouraged.

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26           **COORDINATION SECTION. Section 6. Coordination instruction.** The appropriation in House Bill  
27 No. 2 for certified community behavioral health centers is contingent on the passage and approval of House Bill  
28 No. 574. If House Bill No. 574 is not passed and approved, the appropriation in House Bill No. 2 is void.