

**Amendment - 2nd Reading/2nd House-tan - Requested by: Dennis Lenz - (S) Committee of the Whole**

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Drafter: Julie Johnson,

HB0936.003.001

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 STUDY ON THE LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY OF OBJECTIVES IN HB 872; ESTABLISHING REPORTING REQUIREMENTS; AMENDING SECTIONS SECTION 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

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~~(ii) for incentive payments to hospitals that demonstrate exceptional patient-centered and efficiency outcomes. The department may retain a portion of the funds for implementation of the program in this subsection (3)(b)(ii). (Bracketed language terminates June 30, 2025, on occurrence of contingency sec. 48, Ch. 415, L. 2019.)"~~

**NEW SECTION. SECTION 5. LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY OF HB 872 STUDY -- COMMITTEE.** (1) DURING THE INTERIM FOLLOWING THE 69TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION, THERE IS A HOUSE BILL NO. 872 LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE TO ANALYZE AND PROPOSE MECHANISMS TO PROVIDE SUSTAINABLE FUNDING FOR LONG-TERM OBJECTIVES OF HOUSE BILL NO. 872 TO THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH AND TO THE LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE IN PREPARATION FOR THE 70TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

(2) THE COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

(A) THE CHAIR OF THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE;

(B) ~~TWO~~ **FOUR** MEMBERS OF THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE, WITH ONE APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE, ~~AND~~ ONE APPOINTED BY THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE HOUSE, **one appointed by the president of the senate, and one appointed by the minority leader of the senate,** in CONSULTATION WITH THE CHAIR OF THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE;

(C) THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, OR THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE;

(D) THE MEDICAID BUREAU CHIEF; AND

(E) THE BUDGET DIRECTOR OR THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE.

(3) THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SHALL STAFF THE COMMITTEE AND PAY FOR THE OPERATIONAL COSTS OF THE COMMITTEE.

(4) THE OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING AND THE LEGISLATIVE FISCAL DIVISION SHALL PROVIDE RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS AT THE REQUEST OF THE COMMITTEE.

(5) THE COMMITTEE SHALL ELECT A PRESIDING OFFICER FROM ONE OF THE MEMBERS WHO IS A LEGISLATOR AND ELECT A VICE PRESIDING OFFICER.

(6) STARTING JUNE 1, 2025, THE COMMITTEE SHALL MEET EVERY 2 MONTHS AND MAY MEET REMOTELY.

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