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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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Representative Garrison offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove lines 146-483 and insert:

Council of Graduate Medical Education and offer, or have filed an application for approval to establish, an accredited postdoctoral clinical psychology fellowship program.

(c) Provide behavioral health services.

(d) Establish and maintain an affiliation with a university in this state with one of the accredited Florida-based medical schools listed under s. 458.3145(1)(i)1.-6., 8., or 10., to create and maintain integrated workforce development programs for students of the university's colleges or schools of

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14 medicine, nursing, psychology, social work, or public health
15 related to the entire continuum of behavioral health care,
16 including, at a minimum, screening, therapeutic and supportive
17 services, community outpatient care, crisis stabilization,
18 short-term residential treatment, and long-term care.

19 Notwithstanding paragraphs (4) (b) and (c), a university may
20 affiliate with only one hospital.

21 (e) Develop a plan to create and maintain integrated
22 workforce development programs with the affiliated university's
23 colleges or schools and to supervise clinical care provided by
24 students participating in such programs.

25 (3) A designated behavioral health teaching hospital must:

26 (a) Within 90 days after receiving the designation,
27 develop and maintain a consultation agreement with the Florida
28 Center for Behavioral Health Workforce within the Louis de la
29 Parte Florida Mental Health Institute to establish best
30 practices related to integrated workforce development programs
31 for the behavioral health professions.

32 (b) Collaborate with the department and managing entities
33 as defined in s. 394.9082(2) to identify gaps in the regional
34 continuum of behavioral health care which are appropriate for
35 the behavioral health teaching hospital to address, either
36 independently or in collaboration with other organizations
37 providing behavioral health services, and which will facilitate
38 implementation of the plan developed under paragraph (2) (e).

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39 (c) Within 90 days after receiving the designation, enter
40 into an agreement with the department to provide state treatment
41 facility beds when determined necessary by the department.

42 (d) Provide data related to the hospital's integrated
43 workforce development programs and the services provided by the
44 hospital to the agency, the department, and the Office of
45 Reimagining Education and Career Help created under s. 14.36, as
46 determined by the agency, department, or the office.

47 (4) Notwithstanding subsections (1) and (2), within 30
48 days after this act becomes a law, the agency shall designate
49 the following hospitals as behavioral health teaching hospitals:

50 (a) Tampa General Hospital, in affiliation with the
51 University of South Florida.

52 (b) UF Health Shands Hospital, in affiliation with the
53 University of Florida.

54 (c) UF Health Jacksonville, in affiliation with the
55 University of Florida.

56 (d) Jackson Memorial Hospital, in affiliation with the
57 University of Miami.

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59 Within 90 days after receiving the designation, each behavioral
60 health teaching hospital designated under this subsection shall
61 submit documentation to the agency establishing compliance with
62 the requirements of paragraphs (2)(a)-(d) and submit the plan
63 required by paragraph (2)(e).

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64 (5) Beginning July 1, 2025, the agency may designate
65 additional behavioral health teaching hospitals which meet the
66 criteria of subsection (2).

67 (6) Upon designating a behavioral health teaching hospital
68 under this section, the agency shall award the hospital funds as
69 follows:

70 (a) For up to 10 resident positions through the Slots for
71 Doctors Program established in s. 409.909. Notwithstanding that
72 section, the agency shall allocate \$150,000 for each such
73 position.

74 (b) Through the Training, Education, and Clinicals in
75 Health Funding Program established in s. 409.91256 to offset a
76 portion of the costs of maintaining integrated workforce
77 development programs.

78 (7) By December 1 of each year, a designated behavioral
79 health teaching hospital must submit a report to the agency and
80 the department on the designated behavioral health teaching
81 hospital program, including, but not limited to, all of the
82 following:

83 (a) The number of psychiatric residents.

84 (b) The number of postdoctoral clinical psychology
85 fellows.

86 (c) The status and details of the consultation agreement
87 with the Florida Center for Behavioral Health Workforce within
88 the Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute.

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89 (d) The implementation status of the plan required by
90 paragraph (2)(e).

91 (e) Activities, agreements, and accomplishments of the
92 collaboration required by paragraph (3)(b).

93 (f) The number of any facility beds and patients served
94 under paragraph (3)(c).

95 (8) A behavioral health teaching hospital designation is
96 valid for 2 years. To renew the designation, a hospital must
97 submit an application for renewal to the agency on a form
98 established by the agency at least 90 days before the expiration
99 of the designation. The renewal process is subject to the time
100 periods and tolling provisions of s. 120.60. The agency may
101 deny, revoke, or suspend a designation at any time if a
102 behavioral health teaching hospital is not in compliance with
103 the requirements of this section.

104 (9) The agency may adopt rules necessary to implement this
105 section.

106 Section 4. Section 395.903, Florida Statutes, is created
107 to read:

108 395.903 Behavioral Health Teaching Hospital grant
109 program.—

110 (1) There is established within the agency a grant program
111 for the purpose of funding designated behavioral health teaching
112 hospitals, subject to legislative appropriation. Grant funding
113 may be used for operations and expenses and for fixed capital

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114 outlay, including, but not limited to, facility renovation and
115 upgrades.

116 (a)1. For the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the agency shall hold
117 a 30-day, open application period beginning November 1, 2024, to
118 accept applications from the behavioral health teaching
119 hospitals designated under s. 395.902(4), in a manner determined
120 by the agency. Applicants must include a detailed spending plan
121 with the application.

122 2. For the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 fiscal years, the
123 agency shall hold a 30-day, open application period beginning
124 October 1 of each year to accept applications from behavioral
125 health teaching hospitals designated under s. 395.902, in a
126 manner determined by the agency. Applicants must include a
127 detailed spending plan with the application. On or before
128 January 1, 2025, and January 1, 2026, hospitals desiring to
129 apply for designation in the next fiscal year shall submit
130 letters of intent to the agency.

131 (b) The agency, in consultation with the department, shall
132 evaluate and rank grant applications based on compliance with s.
133 395.902(2) and the quality of the plan submitted under s.
134 395.902(2)(e) or plan implementation, as applicable, related to
135 achieving the purposes of the behavioral health teaching
136 hospital program. The agency, in consultation with the
137 department, shall make recommendations for grant awards and
138 distribution of available funding for such awards. The agency

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139 shall submit the evaluation and grant award recommendations to
140 the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
141 Representatives within 90 days after the open application period
142 closes.

143 (c) Notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, the agency
144 may submit budget amendments, subject to the notice, review, and
145 objection procedures under s. 216.177, requesting the release of
146 the funds to make awards. The agency is authorized to submit
147 budget amendments relating to expenses under subsection (1)
148 under the grant program only within the 90 days after the open
149 application period closes.

150 (2) Notwithstanding s. 216.301 and pursuant to s. 216.351,
151 the balance of any appropriation from the General Revenue Fund
152 for the program which is not disbursed but which is obligated
153 pursuant to contract or committed to be expended by June 30 of
154 the fiscal year for which the funds are appropriated may be
155 carried forward for up to 8 years after the effective date of
156 the original appropriation.

157 (3) The agency may adopt rules necessary to implement this
158 section.

159 Section 5. Effective July 1, 2025, subsection (6) of
160 section 409.909, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

161 409.909 Statewide Medicaid Residency Program.—

162 (6) The Slots for Doctors Program is established to
163 address the physician workforce shortage by increasing the

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164 supply of highly trained physicians through the creation of new
165 resident positions, which will increase access to care and
166 improve health outcomes for Medicaid recipients.

167 (a) Notwithstanding subsection (4), the agency shall
168 annually allocate \$100,000 to hospitals, ~~and~~ qualifying
169 institutions, and behavioral health teaching hospitals
170 designated under s. 395.902, for each newly created resident
171 position that is first filled on or after June 1, 2023, and
172 filled thereafter, and that is accredited by the Accreditation
173 Council for Graduate Medical Education or the Osteopathic
174 Postdoctoral Training Institution in an initial or established
175 accredited training program which is in a physician specialty or
176 subspecialty in a statewide supply-and-demand deficit.

177 (b) This program is designed to generate matching funds
178 under Medicaid and distribute such funds to participating
179 hospitals, ~~and~~ qualifying institutions, and behavioral health
180 teaching hospitals designated under s. 395.902, on a quarterly
181 basis in each fiscal year for which an appropriation is made.
182 Resident positions created under this subsection are not
183 eligible for concurrent funding pursuant to subsection (1).

184 (c) For purposes of this subsection, physician specialties
185 and subspecialties, both adult and pediatric, in statewide
186 supply-and-demand deficit are those identified as such in the
187 General Appropriations Act.

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188 (d) Funds allocated pursuant to this subsection may not be
189 used for resident positions that have previously received
190 funding pursuant to subsection (1).

191 Section 6. Subsections (6) and (7) are added to section
192 1004.44, Florida Statutes, to read:

193 1004.44 Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health
194 Institute.—There is established the Louis de la Parte Florida
195 Mental Health Institute within the University of South Florida.

196 (6)(a) There is established within the institute the
197 Florida Center for Behavioral Health Workforce. The purpose of
198 the center is to support an adequate, highly skilled, resilient,
199 and innovative workforce that meets the current and future human
200 resources needs of the state's behavioral health system in order
201 to provide high-quality care, services, and supports to
202 Floridians with, or at risk of developing, behavioral health
203 conditions through original research, policy analysis,
204 evaluation, and development and dissemination of best practices.
205 The goals of the center are, at a minimum, to research the
206 state's current behavioral health workforce and future needs;
207 expand the number of clinicians, professionals, and other
208 workers involved in the behavioral health workforce; and enhance
209 the skill level and innovativeness of the workforce. The center
210 shall, at a minimum, do all of the following:

211 1. Describe and analyze the current workforce and project
212 possible future workforce demand, especially in critical roles,

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213 and develop strategies for addressing any gaps. The center's
214 efforts may include, but need not be limited to, producing a
215 statistically valid biennial analysis of the supply and demand
216 of the behavioral health workforce.

217 2. Expand pathways to behavioral health professions
218 through enhanced educational opportunities and improved faculty
219 development and retention. The center's efforts may include, but
220 need not be limited to:

221 a. Identifying best practices in the academic preparation
222 and continuing education of behavioral health professionals.

223 b. Facilitating and coordinating the development of
224 academic-practice partnerships that support behavioral health
225 faculty employment and advancement.

226 c. Developing and implementing innovative projects to
227 support the recruitment, development, and retention of
228 behavioral health educators, faculty, and clinical preceptors.

229 d. Developing distance learning infrastructure for
230 behavioral health education and the evidence-based use of
231 technology, simulation, and distance learning techniques.

232 3. Promote behavioral health professions. The center's
233 efforts may include, but need not be limited to:

234 a. Conducting original research on the factors affecting
235 recruitment, retention, and advancement of the behavioral health
236 workforce, such as designing and implementing a longitudinal
237 study of the state's behavioral health workforce.

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238 b. Developing and implementing innovative projects to
239 support the recruitment, development, and retention of
240 behavioral health workers.

241 (b) The center may:

242 1. Convene groups, including, but not limited to,
243 behavioral health clinicians, professionals, and workers, and
244 employers of such individuals; other health care providers;
245 individuals with behavioral health conditions and their
246 families; business and industry leaders, policymakers, and
247 educators to assist the center in its work; and

248 2. Request from any board as defined in s. 456.001 any
249 information held by the board regarding a behavioral health
250 professional licensed in this state or holding a multistate
251 license pursuant to a professional multistate licensure compact
252 or information reported to the board by employers of such
253 behavioral health professionals, other than personal identifying
254 information. The boards must provide such information to the
255 center upon request.

256 (c) By January 10 of each year, the center shall submit a
257 report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the
258 Speaker of the House of Representatives providing details of its
259 activities during the preceding calendar year in pursuit of its
260 goals and in the execution of its duties under paragraph (a).
261 The report submitted in 2025 must include an initial statewide

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262 strategic plan for meeting the goals in subsection (6), which
263 must be updated in each subsequent report.

264 (7) The Board of Governors and the State Board of
265 Education, in consultation with the center, shall expeditiously
266 adopt any necessary regulations and rules, as applicable, to
267 allow the center to perform its responsibilities under
268 subsection (6) as soon as practicable.

269 Section 7. Effective upon this act becoming a law, the
270 Department of Children and Families must contract for a detailed
271 study of capacity for inpatient treatment services for adults
272 with serious mental illness and children with serious emotional
273 disturbance or psychosis in this state's forensic inpatient,
274 safety-net voluntary and involuntary civil inpatient placement,
275 and Medicaid statewide inpatient psychiatric programs. The study
276 must include analyses of current capacity, current and projected
277 future demand, and the state's current and projected future
278 ability to meet that demand, and must include recommendations
279 for enhancing the availability of inpatient treatment services
280 and for providing alternatives to such services. The study must
281 be completed by January 31, 2025, and must include, at a
282 minimum, all of the following:

283 (1) By facility and by program type, the current number
284 and allocation of beds for inpatient treatment, the number of
285 individuals admitted and discharged annually, and the lengths of
286 stays.

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287 (2) By department region, the current number and
288 allocation of beds in receiving, treatment, and state treatment
289 facilities and residential treatment centers for children and
290 adolescents for inpatient treatment between forensic and civil
291 placements, the number of individuals admitted and discharged
292 annually, the types and frequency of diagnoses, and the lengths
293 of stays.

294 (3) By department region, the current and projected future
295 demand for civil and forensic inpatient placements at receiving,
296 treatment, and state treatment facilities and residential
297 treatment centers for children and adolescents, any gaps in
298 current and projected future availability of these services
299 compared to current and projected future service demand, and the
300 number of inpatient beds needed by facility type and placement
301 type to meet current and projected future demand.

302 (4) By agency region, the number of individuals admitted
303 and discharged annually, the types and frequency of diagnoses,
304 and the lengths of stays for Medicaid statewide inpatient
305 psychiatric program services, the current and projected future
306 demand for these services, any gaps in current and projected
307 future availability of these services compared to current and
308 projected future service demand, and the number of inpatient
309 beds needed by facility type to meet current and projected
310 future demand.

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311 (5) Policy recommendations for ensuring sufficient bed
312 capacity for inpatient treatment at treatment facilities, state
313 treatment facilities, or receiving facilities, or at residential
314 treatment centers for children and adolescents, and for
315 enhancing services that could prevent the need for involuntary
316 inpatient placements.

317 (6) A gap analysis as recommended by the Commission on
318 Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder in the annual interim
319 report dated January 1, 2024.

320 Section 8. For the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the sum of \$5
321 million in recurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is
322 appropriated to the Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health
323 Institute for the operation of the Florida Center for Behavioral
324 Health Workforce as created by this act.

325 Section 9. For the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the sums of
326 \$2,557,800 in recurring funds from the General Revenue Fund and
327 \$3,442,200 in recurring funds from the Medical Care Trust Fund
328 are appropriated to the Agency for Health Care Administration
329 for the Slots for Doctors Program established in s. 409.909,
330 Florida Statutes, for up to 10 newly created resident positions
331 for each designated behavioral health teaching hospital
332 designated under s. 395.902(4), Florida Statutes, as created by
333 this act. Notwithstanding s. 409.909, Florida Statutes, the
334 agency shall allocate \$150,000 for each newly created position.

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335 Section 10. For the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the sum of \$2
336 million in recurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is
337 appropriated to the Agency for Health Care Administration to
338 implement the Training, Education, and Clinicals in Health
339 (TEACH) Funding Program established in s. 409.91256, Florida
340 Statutes, as created by SB 7016, 2024 Regular Session.
341 Notwithstanding s. 409.91256(5)(b), Florida Statutes, as created
342 by SB 7016, 2024 Regular Session, the funds appropriated under
343 this section shall be equally distributed to the behavioral
344 health teaching hospitals designated under s. 395.902(4),
345 Florida Statutes, as created by this act.

346 Section 11. For the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the
347 nonrecurring sum of \$300 million from the General Revenue Fund
348 is appropriated to the Agency for Health Care Administration for
349 the behavioral health teaching hospital grant program as created
350 in s. 395.903, Florida Statutes. Grant funds shall be awarded

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353 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

354 Remove lines 16-40 and insert:

355 agency to designate additional behavioral health teaching
356 hospitals that meet the designation criteria; requiring the
357 agency to award behavioral health teaching hospitals certain
358 funds upon their designation; requiring designated behavioral
359 health teaching hospitals to submit an annual report to the

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360 agency and the Department of Children and Families; specifying
361 requirements for the report; providing for expiration and
362 renewal of behavioral health teaching hospital designations;
363 authorizing the agency to deny, revoke, or suspend a designation
364 at any time under certain circumstances; authorizing the agency
365 to adopt rules; creating s. 395.903, F.S.; establishing a grant
366 program within the agency for the purpose of funding designated
367 behavioral health teaching hospitals; providing an
368 administrative process to receive, evaluate, and rank
369 applications that request grant funds; authorizing the agency to
370 submit a budget amendment to the Legislature requesting the
371 release of grant funds to make awards; providing a carry forward
372 for a specified period for obligated funds not disbursed in the
373 same year in which the funds were appropriated; authorizing the
374 agency to adopt rules; amending s. 409.909, F.S.; authorizing
375 certain residency positions to be allocated for designated
376 behavioral health teaching hospitals; amending s. 1004.44, F.S.;
377 establishing the Florida

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