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Requested by: at the request of the Study Committee on Juvenile Justice

1 **An Act to make an appropriation to fund scholarships for individuals entering into**
2 **the behavioral health field.**

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 **Section 1.** There is hereby appropriated from the general fund the sum of \$20,000,000 to
5 the Department of Health, for purposes of funding scholarships to promote behavioral health
6 careers and support individuals entering into the behavioral health field, and to provide an
7 incentive for individuals to remain in South Dakota. Each recipient must promise to enter a
8 behavioral health occupation in South Dakota following completion of the program of study.
9 The number of years a recipient must work in a behavioral health occupation to fulfill the
10 entire obligation is equal to the sum of the number of years of scholarship received, plus one
11 year.

12 **Section 2.** The secretary of the Department of Health shall approve vouchers and the state
13 auditor shall draw warrants to pay expenditures authorized by this Act.

14 **Section 3.** Any amounts appropriated in this Act not lawfully expended or obligated shall
15 revert in accordance with the procedures prescribed in chapter 4-8.