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

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

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

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

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

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

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