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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 2838

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 2838 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Mental Health and Developmental  
5 Disabilities Administrative Act is amended by adding Sections  
6 71B and 71C as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 1705/71B new)

8 Sec. 71B. Behavioral Health Education and Supervision  
9 Fund.

10 (a) The Behavioral Health Education and Supervision Fund  
11 is created in the State treasury as a special fund.

12 (b) The Fund is created for the purpose of funding  
13 scholarships and grants in the behavioral health field as  
14 provided in Section 71C of this Act and Section 65.120 of the  
15 Higher Education Student Assistance Act.

1 (20 ILCS 1705/71C new)

2 Sec. 71C. Intern and Supervision Access Program.

3 (a) As used in this Section:

4 "Federally qualified health center" means a health center  
5 funded under Section 330 of the federal Public Health Service  
6 Act.

7 "FQHC Look-Alike" means a health center that meets the  
8 requirements for receiving a grant under Section 330 of the  
9 federal Public Health Service Act but does not receive funding  
10 under that Act.

11 "Part-time" means working at least 20 hours a week.

12 "Qualified individual or entity" means:

13 (1) a student pursuing a degree or certificate in  
14 behavioral health who interns at a community  
15 not-for-profit behavioral health agency, federally  
16 qualified health center, or FQHC Look-Alike; or

17 (2) a community not-for-profit behavioral health  
18 agency, federally qualified health center, FQHC look-alike  
19 and any association representing them that seeks to  
20 establish or expand clinical supervision or supervision  
21 for supervised work experience of interns and behavioral  
22 health providers-in-training pursuing licensure as a  
23 licensed clinical social worker, licensed clinical  
24 professional counselor, and licensed marriage and family  
25 therapist.

26 (b) Subject to appropriation, the Department of Human

1 Services shall establish the Intern and Supervision Access  
2 Program to provide grants to qualified individuals who intern  
3 for community not-for-profit behavioral health agencies,  
4 federally qualified health centers, or FQHC Look-Alikes and  
5 qualified entities who seek to establish or expand clinical  
6 supervision or supervision for supervised work experience of  
7 interns and behavioral health providers-in-training pursuing  
8 licensure as a licensed clinical social worker, licensed  
9 clinical professional counselor, and licensed marriage and  
10 family therapist.

11 (c) Under the Program, the Department shall provide  
12 financial assistance to qualified individuals and entities.

13 (d) A person who is a qualified individual under paragraph  
14 (1) of subsection (a) is eligible to receive a grant to  
15 compensate the individual for work as a intern. The grant  
16 amount shall provide an equivalent amount of compensation to  
17 the individual similar to the expected market rate of a person  
18 performing similar duties as the individual in either a  
19 community profit or not-for-profit behavioral health agency,  
20 federally qualified health center, or FQHC Look-Alike.

21 (e) A qualified entity under paragraph (2) of subsection  
22 (a) is eligible to receive a grant to establish new or expand  
23 existing clinical supervision or supervision for supervised  
24 work experience of interns and behavioral health  
25 providers-in-training pursuing licensure as a licensed  
26 clinical social worker, licensed clinical professional

1 counselor, and licensed marriage and family therapist.

2 (f) The Department may use moneys from the Behavioral  
3 Health Education and Supervision Program Fund to fund the  
4 Intern and Supervision Access Program as described under this  
5 Section.

6 (g) The Department shall adopt rules to implement this  
7 Section.

8 Section 10. The State Finance Act is amended by adding  
9 Section 5.990 as follows:

10 (30 ILCS 105/5.990 new)

11 Sec. 5.990. The Behavioral Health Education and  
12 Supervision Fund.

13 Section 15. The Higher Education Student Assistance Act is  
14 amended by adding Section 65.120 as follows:

15 (110 ILCS 947/65.120 new)

16 Sec. 65.120. Behavioral Health Scholarship Program.

17 (a) As used in this Section:

18 "Behavioral health discipline" means:

19 (1) undergraduate behavioral health disciplines that  
20 may be offered through institutions of higher education,  
21 including, but not limited to, psychology, social work,  
22 and counseling;

1           (2) graduate behavioral health disciplines, including,  
2           but not limited to, clinical or counseling psychology,  
3           counseling, social work, and marriage and family therapy;

4           (3) Medical doctors, doctors of osteopathic medicine,  
5           registered nurses, advanced practice registered nurses  
6           with specialties in psychiatry or mental health; and

7           (4) certified behavioral health disciplines, including  
8           but not limited to certified recovery support specialists  
9           and certified peer recovery specialists.

10          "Eligible applicant" means a student who is enrolled in a  
11          program of study at a participating college, community college  
12          or university and who meets all of the qualifications and  
13          requirements under this Section.

14          "Federally qualified health center" means a health center  
15          funded under Section 330 of the federal Public Health Service  
16          Act.

17          "FQHC Look-Alike" means a health center that meets the  
18          requirements for receiving a grant under Section 330 of the  
19          federal Public Health Service Act but does not receive funding  
20          under that Act.

21          "Part-time employment" means working at least 20 hours a  
22          week.

23          "Participating college, community college or university"  
24          means a institution of higher education that is a party to an  
25          intergovernmental agreement entered into with the Commission  
26          in order to participate in the program established under this

1 Section.

2 "Tuition, university fees, and books" includes the  
3 customary charge for instruction and books or course material  
4 and the additional fixed fees charged for purposes that are  
5 required generally of students who are not Program applicants  
6 under this Section for each academic year for which a Program  
7 applicant under this Section actually enrolls. "Tuition,  
8 university fees, and books" does not include room and board,  
9 transportation fees, fees payable only once, breakage fees,  
10 and other contingent deposits that are refundable in whole or  
11 in part. The Commission may adopt, by rule not inconsistent  
12 with this Section, detailed provisions concerning the  
13 computation of tuition, university fees, and books.

14 (b) Subject to appropriation, beginning with the 2024-2025  
15 academic year, the Commission shall establish and administer  
16 the Behavioral Health Scholarship Program for the purpose of  
17 incentivizing students to pursue degrees in a behavioral  
18 health discipline. The Commission shall enter into agreements  
19 with institutions of higher education to participate in the  
20 Program. Under the Program, the Commission shall provide  
21 financial assistance to an eligible applicant.

22 (c) In this subsection (c), "racial minority" means a  
23 person who is a citizen of the United States or a lawful  
24 permanent resident alien of the United States and who is:

25 (1) Black (a person having origins in any of the black  
26 racial groups in Africa);

1           (2) Hispanic (a person of Spanish or Portuguese  
2           culture with origins in Mexico, South or Central America,  
3           or the Caribbean Islands, regardless of race);

4           (3) Asian American (a person having origins in any of  
5           the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the  
6           Indian subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands); or

7           (4) American Indian or Alaskan Native (a person having  
8           origins in any of the original peoples of North America).

9           Subject to appropriation, the Commission shall award  
10          financial assistance in the form of a scholarship to an  
11          applicant to cover the cost of tuition, university fees, and  
12          books each year for a maximum of 4 years at a participating  
13          college, community college or university if the applicant  
14          meets all of the following criteria:

15           (1) The applicant is a resident of this State or a  
16           child of a noncitizen of the United States.

17           (2) The applicant has committed to work in a community  
18           not-for-profit behavioral health agency, federally  
19           qualified health center, or FQHC Look-Alike for at least 4  
20           years.

21           (3) The applicant fully graduates or fully completes  
22           the degree or certification.

23          The amount of the scholarship awarded to a student  
24          attending a private college or university shall be the cost of  
25          tuition, university fees, and books each year at the public  
26          university with the highest cost of tuition, university fees,

1 and books each year in the State. Any scholarship awarded to a  
2 qualified applicant attending a private college or university  
3 may not preclude the eligible applicant from using other  
4 funding sources to pay for tuition and other costs not covered  
5 by the Program.

6 In awarding scholarships, the Commission shall give  
7 priority to those applicants who are members of a racial  
8 minority.

9 (d) Each participating college, community college or  
10 university shall post on its website the criteria and  
11 eligibility requirements to receive financial assistance under  
12 this Section and must identify that the financial assistance  
13 is for a maximum of 4 academic years, with the total amount of  
14 financial assistance awarded to an eligible applicant not to  
15 exceed the cost of tuition, university fees, and books or a  
16 higher education student loan. This information must also be  
17 reported to the Commission and the Board of Higher Education,  
18 and the Commission and the Board shall post the information on  
19 the Commission's and Board's respective websites.

20 (e) Prior to receiving financial assistance for any  
21 academic year, an eligible applicant under this Section shall  
22 be required by the participating college, community college or  
23 university to sign an agreement with the Commission under  
24 which the eligible applicant pledges that, within 6 months  
25 from the date of the eligible applicant's graduation or  
26 certificate completion from the participating college,



1 community college or university, the eligible applicant must  
2 search for, apply for, and accept full-time or part-time  
3 employment at a community not-for-profit behavioral health  
4 agency, federally qualified health center, or FQHC Look-Alike.  
5 The recipient of financial assistance must, for at least 4  
6 years, maintain this employment.

7 (f) The Commission shall develop rules related to  
8 scholarship repayment for recipients who (i) fail to search  
9 for, apply for, and accept full-time or part-time employment  
10 within a defined time frame, (ii) have changes to their school  
11 enrollment status, or (iii) have a terminated employment  
12 status for any reason, including for cause, prior to the  
13 program's 4-year employment requirement.

14 (g) The Commission may use moneys from the Behavioral  
15 Health Education and Supervision Fund to fund the Program as  
16 described under this Section.

17 (h) The Commission shall adopt rules to implement this  
18 Section and may adopt rules relating to its collection  
19 activities for the repayment of any financial assistance  
20 provided under this Section.

21 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
22 becoming law."