

Regular Session, 2012

SENATE BILL NO. 537

BY SENATOR PETERSON

MENTAL HEALTH. Establishes a special fund in the state treasury for the deposit of certain savings derived by the state from the Louisiana Behavioral Health Partnership and the Coordinated System of Care. (7/1/12)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 39:100.52, relative to state funds; to establish the Mental Health Services
3 Access and Improvement Fund; to provide for the deposit of certain monies into the
4 fund; to provide for the uses of monies in the fund; to provide for an effective date;
5 and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 39:100.52 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 **§100.52. Mental Health Services Access and Improvement Fund**

9 **A. There is hereby established in the state treasury, as a special fund, the**
10 **Mental Health Services Access and Improvement Fund, hereinafter referred to**
11 **as the "fund".**

12 **B. The source of monies deposited into the fund shall be any monies**
13 **realized as a result of cost savings attributed to the implementation of the**
14 **Louisiana Behavioral Health Partnership and Coordinated System of Care**
15 **administered by the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH), or any other**
16 **monies which may be provided by law. The Department of Health and Hospitals**
17 **shall certify to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget by May fifteenth**

1 each year the amount of any savings projected to be realized by the end of that
 2 fiscal year as a result of the implementation of the Louisiana Behavioral Health
 3 Partnership and Coordinated System of Care available to be deposited into the
 4 fund.

5 C. All unexpended and unencumbered monies in the fund at the end of
 6 the fiscal year shall remain in the fund. The monies in the fund shall be invested
 7 by the state treasurer in the same manner as monies in the state general fund,
 8 and interest earned on the investment of monies shall be credited to the state
 9 general fund.

10 D. The monies in the fund shall be appropriated and used solely to fund
 11 the enhancement of mental health services provided across the state.

12 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2012; if vetoed by the governor
 13 and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on July 1,
 14 2012, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
 of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jay R. Lueckel.

DIGEST

Proposed law establishes the Mental Health Services Access and Improvement Fund as a special fund in the state treasury.

Proposed law provides that the source of monies deposited into the fund shall be any monies realized as a result of cost savings attributed to the implementation of the Louisiana Behavioral Health Partnership and Coordinated System of Care administered by the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH), or any other monies which may be provided by law. Provides that DHH shall certify to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget by May 15th each year the amount of any savings projected to be realized by the end of that fiscal year as a result of the implementation of the Louisiana Behavioral Health Partnership and Coordinated System of Care available to be deposited into the fund.

Proposed law further provides that monies in the fund shall be appropriated and used solely to fund the enhancement of mental health services provided across the state.

Effective July 1, 2012.

(Adds R.S. 39:100.52)