

By: Representative Creekmore IV

To: Appropriations C;
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HOUSE BILL NO. 1638

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF
2 MENTAL HEALTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE PEER HELPERS PLUS
3 PROGRAM AND THE PREVENTION AWARENESS FOR TOTAL HEALTH (PATH)
4 CURRICULUM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

6 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be
7 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the Opioid
8 Settlement Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the State
9 Department of Mental Health for the purpose of funding the Peer
10 Helpers PLUS Program and Prevention Awareness for Total Health
11 (PATH) curriculum for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and
12 ending June 30, 2026..... \$ 4,000,000.00.

13 **SECTION 2.** The funds appropriated under Section 1 of this
14 act shall be appropriated from monies available in the Opioid
15 Settlement Fund created in Section 27-103-305, Mississippi Code of
16 1972, to the State Department of Mental Health for the
17 administration of the Peer Helpers PLUS Program and the Prevention
18 Awareness for Total Health (PATH) curriculum established in House
19 Bill No. 1399, 2025 Regular Session.



20 **SECTION 3.** The money appropriated by this act shall be paid
21 by the State Treasurer out of any money in the Opioid Settlement
22 Fund not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants issued by the State
23 Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue the
24 warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or
25 officers in the manner provided by law.

26 **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
27 and after July 1, 2025.

