

By: Representative McCarty

To: Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations A

HOUSE BILL NO. 1695

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH TO  
 2 ESTABLISH A PROGRAM TO MAKE GRANTS TO REGIONAL COMMISSIONS,  
 3 COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSISTING IN PAYING  
 4 COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH SERVICES PROVIDED BY CRISIS STABILIZATION  
 5 UNITS, EXPENSES OF OPERATING CRISIS STABILIZATION UNIT FACILITIES  
 6 AND REPAIRING, RENOVATING, UPGRADING AND IMPROVING CRISIS  
 7 STABILIZATION UNIT FACILITIES; TO CREATE A SPECIAL FUND IN THE  
 8 STATE TREASURY TO BE DESIGNATED AS THE "CRISIS STABILIZATION UNIT  
 9 FACILITIES FUND"; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

11 **SECTION 1.** (1) The Department of Mental Health shall  
 12 establish a program to make grants to regional commissions  
 13 established under Section 41-19-33, counties and municipalities  
 14 for the purpose of assisting the commissions in paying costs  
 15 associated with (a) services provided by crisis stabilization  
 16 units, (b) expenses of operating crisis stabilization unit  
 17 facilities and (c) repairing, renovating, upgrading and improving  
 18 crisis stabilization unit facilities. The maximum amount of a  
 19 grant made to a regional commission, county or municipality for a  
 20 single project during a fiscal year cannot exceed Five Hundred  
 21 Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00). A regional commission, county or



22 municipality may apply to the Department of Mental Health for a  
23 grant under this section in the manner provided for in this  
24 section.

25 (2) A regional commission, county or municipality desiring a  
26 grant under this section must submit an application to the  
27 Department of Mental Health. The application must include a  
28 description of the purpose for which the grant is requested, the  
29 cost of the purpose for which the grant is requested, the amount  
30 of the grant requested, funds from any other sources that are  
31 available for such purpose and any other information required by  
32 the department.

33 (3) There is hereby created in the State Treasury a special  
34 fund to be designated as the "Crisis Stabilization Unit Facilities  
35 Fund," which shall consist of funds made available by the  
36 Legislature in any manner and funds from any other source  
37 designated for deposit into such fund. Unexpended amounts  
38 remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse  
39 into the State General Fund, and any investment earnings or  
40 interest earned on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the  
41 credit of the fund. Monies in the fund shall be used by the  
42 Department of Mental Health, upon appropriation by the  
43 Legislature, for the purposes provided in this section.

44 (4) The Department of Mental Health shall have all powers  
45 necessary to implement and administer the program established  
46 under this section, and the department shall promulgate rules and



47 regulations, in accordance with the Mississippi Administrative  
48 Procedures Law, necessary for the implementation of this section.

49         **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
50 and after July 1, 2024.

