

# HOUSE BILL NO. 270

## 101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE QUADE.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

### AN ACT

To amend chapter 630, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the behavioral crisis grant program.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 630, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 630.980, to read as follows:

**630.980. 1. As used in this section, the term "behavioral crisis" shall mean any instance in which a person's behavior makes the person a danger to himself or herself or others or prevents the person from functioning effectively in the community.**

**2. Subject to appropriation, the department of mental health shall establish a behavioral crisis grant program to assist nonprofit organizations in the creation or maintenance of programs that support individuals experiencing behavioral crises. The director of the department or his or her designee shall administer the program.**

**3. To be eligible for a grant under the behavioral crisis grant program, a nonprofit organization shall:**

**(1) Provide health care, mental health care, or other services and support that address behavioral health issues for any individuals; and**

**(2) Provide at least one of the following:**

**(a) A behavioral crisis phone line or text messaging service staffed by health or mental health professionals or trained volunteers;**

**(b) A residential facility for individuals experiencing a behavioral crisis; or**

**(c) A referral program to assist an individual experiencing a behavioral crisis in obtaining health care, mental health care, or other services and support.**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18           **4. The department of mental health shall:**

19           **(1) Create a grant application and establish a timeline for the application process;**

20           **(2) Determine the amount of any grant awarded based on the merits of the**  
21 **program, the needs of the program or community, or any other criteria deemed relevant**  
22 **by the department; and**

23           **(3) Post all information about the behavioral crisis grant program on the**  
24 **department's website.**

25           **5. (1) There is hereby created in the state treasury the "Behavioral Crisis Grant**  
26 **Program Fund", which shall consist of moneys appropriated to it by the general assembly**  
27 **and any gifts, contributions, grants, or bequests received from federal, private, or other**  
28 **sources. The state treasurer shall be custodian of the fund. In accordance with sections**  
29 **30.170 and 30.180, the state treasurer may approve disbursements. The fund shall be a**  
30 **dedicated fund and, upon appropriation, moneys in the fund shall be used solely as**  
31 **provided in this section.**

32           **(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080 to the contrary, any moneys**  
33 **remaining in the fund at the end of the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the**  
34 **general revenue fund.**

35           **(3) The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the fund in the same manner as other**  
36 **funds are invested. Any interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be credited**  
37 **to the fund.**

38           **6. The director of the department of mental health may promulgate all necessary**  
39 **rules and regulations for the administration of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule,**  
40 **as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in**  
41 **this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the**  
42 **provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536**  
43 **are nonseverable, and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to**  
44 **chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are**  
45 **subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule**  
46 **proposed or adopted after August 28, 2021, shall be invalid and void.**

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