

CHAPTER 141

HUMAN SERVICES - BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

SENATE BILL 25-238

BY SENATOR(S) Amabile and Kirkmeyer, Bridges;
also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Sirota and Taggart, Bird, Bradley, Carter.

AN ACT

CONCERNING THE REPEAL OF THE SIXTH THROUGH TWELFTH GRADE MENTAL HEALTH SCREENING ACT, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, REDUCING AN APPROPRIATION.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-245-217, **amend** (2)(g) and (2)(h); and **repeal** (2)(i) as follows:

12-245-217. Scope of article - exemptions. (2) This article 245 does not apply to:

(g) Students who are enrolled in a school program and are practicing as part of a school practicum or clinical program; OR

(h) A professional practicing auricular acudetox in accordance with section 12-245-233. **or**

(i) ~~Screeners conducting screenings pursuant to the sixth through twelfth grade mental health screening program created in section 27-50-903.~~

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** part 9 of article 50 of title 27.

SECTION 3. Appropriation - adjustments to 2025 long bill. (1) To implement this act, general fund appropriations made in the annual general appropriation act for the 2025-26 state fiscal year to the department of human services are adjusted as follows:

(a) The appropriation for health, life, and dental is decreased by \$37,260;

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- (b) The appropriation for short-term disability is decreased by \$146;
- (c) The appropriation for paid family medical leave insurance is decreased by \$936;
- (d) The appropriation for unfunded liability amortization equalization disbursement payments is decreased by \$20,798;
- (e) The appropriation for use by the behavioral health administration for program administration is decreased by \$260,978, and the related FTE is decreased by 3.0 FTE; and
- (f) The appropriation for use by the behavioral health administration for the school mental health screening program is decreased by \$2,536,706.

SECTION 4. Safety clause. The general assembly finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state institutions.

Approved: April 28, 2025