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COMMITTEE BILL

Joint Budget Committee

**BILL TOPIC: "Behavioral Health Programs Appropriations"**

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING ELIMINATING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE 2020-21 STATE**  
102 **FISCAL YEAR FOR PROGRAMS TO INCREASE ACCESS TO**  
103 **TREATMENT FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DISORDERS.**

**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov/>.)*

**Joint Budget Committee.** The bill removes a statutory requirement that unexpended and unencumbered money appropriated for the building substance use disorder treatment capacity in underserved communities grant program (grant program) for the 2019-20 state fiscal year be further appropriated for use in the 2020-21 state fiscal year.

*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

The bill removes the requirement that the state department of human services (department) implement a behavioral health capacity tracking system unless money is appropriated for the system.

The bill removes the requirement that the department implement a care navigation program to assist engaged clients in obtaining access to treatment for substance use disorders unless money is appropriated for the program.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 27-80-120, **repeal** (6)  
3 as follows:

4 **27-80-120. Building substance use disorder treatment capacity**  
5 **in underserved communities - grant program - repeal.** (6) Money  
6 ~~appropriated for the pilot program that remains unexpended and~~  
7 ~~unencumbered at the end of the fiscal year is further appropriated to the~~  
8 ~~department for the pilot program in the next fiscal year.~~

9 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 27-60-104.5, **amend**  
10 (8) as follows:

11 **27-60-104.5. Behavioral health capacity tracking system -**  
12 **legislative declaration - definitions - rules.** (8) ~~On or before January 1,~~  
13 ~~2021~~ SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, the state department shall  
14 implement a centralized, web-based tracking system as described in this  
15 section. The contractor of the twenty-four-hour telephone crisis services  
16 provided pursuant to section 27-60-103 shall use the tracking system as  
17 an available service resource locator.

18 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 27-80-119, **amend**  
19 (3) as follows:

20 **27-80-119. Care navigation program - creation - reporting -**  
21 **rules - legislative declaration - definition.** (3) ~~On or before January 1,~~  
22 ~~2020~~ SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, the department shall

1 implement a care navigation program to assist engaged clients in  
2 obtaining access to treatment for substance use disorders. At a minimum,  
3 services available statewide must include independent screening of the  
4 treatment needs of the engaged client using nationally recognized  
5 screening criteria to determine the correct level of care; the identification  
6 of licensed or accredited substance use disorder treatment options,  
7 including social and medical detoxification services, medication-assisted  
8 treatment, and inpatient and outpatient treatment programs; and the  
9 availability of various treatment options for the engaged client.

10 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
11 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
12 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.