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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to services, treatment, research, education,
2 and other activities relating to substance use disorder,
3 mental health, and other conditions including opioid
4 addiction and providing appropriations.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. IOWA BOARD OF PHARMACY — REDUCTION OF OPIOID
2 MISUSE OR OVERUSE — OPIOID SETTLEMENT.

3 1. There is appropriated from the opioid settlement fund
4 created in section 12.51 to the board of pharmacy for the
5 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024,
6 the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, for
7 the purposes designated:

8 a. For the board of pharmacy to integrate the state's
9 prescription monitoring program with health care providers'
10 electronic medical record or pharmacy dispensing systems to
11 allow a seamless connection between the prescription monitoring
12 program and those systems:

13 \$ 60,000

14 b. For the board of pharmacy to implement the opioid and
15 naloxone education (ONE) program to provide resources to
16 pharmacists to educate patients regarding opioid misuse and
17 accidental overdose in order to decrease opioid prescription
18 rates and the related addiction and overdose deaths in the
19 state:

20 \$ 450,000

21 2. If sufficient funds are not available through the opioid
22 settlement fund created in section 12.51, there is appropriated
23 from the Iowa coronavirus fiscal recovery fund created in
24 section 8.57G to the board of pharmacy for the fiscal year
25 beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, an amount
26 sufficient to provide the total amounts specified under
27 subsection 1 for the purposes designated under this section.

28 3. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in
29 this section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
30 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
31 available for the purposes designated until expended.

32 Sec. 2. INCREASED ACCESS TO NALOXONE — OPIOID SETTLEMENT.

33 1. There is appropriated from the opioid settlement fund
34 created in section 12.51 for deposit in the opioid antagonist
35 medication fund created in section 135.190A for the fiscal year

1 beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, the following
2 amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, for the purpose
3 designated:

4 \$ 250,000

5 2. The department of health and human services shall utilize
6 the moneys appropriated for deposit under this section for the
7 purchase, provision, maintenance, and replacement of opioid
8 antagonist medication administered by first responders to
9 persons experiencing an opioid-related overdose and to county
10 health departments for distribution to accredited schools and
11 institutions of higher education upon request.

12 3. If sufficient funds are not available through the
13 opioid settlement fund created in section 12.51, there is
14 appropriated from the Iowa coronavirus fiscal recovery fund
15 created in section 8.57G for deposit in the opioid antagonist
16 medication fund created in section 135.190A for the fiscal year
17 beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, for direct
18 appropriation to the department of health and human services
19 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June
20 30, 2024, an amount sufficient to provide the total amount
21 specified under subsection 1 for the purposes designated under
22 this section.

23 4. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in
24 this section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
25 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
26 available for the purposes designated until expended.

27 Sec. 3. SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER RECOVERY HIGH SCHOOLS —
28 OPIOID SETTLEMENT.

29 1. There is appropriated from the opioid settlement fund
30 created in section 12.51 to the department of health and human
31 services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending
32 June 30, 2024, the following amount, or so much thereof as is
33 necessary, for the purpose designated:

34 \$ 50,000

35 2. The department of health and human services, in

1 collaboration with the department of education, shall study
2 and make recommendations regarding the establishment of one or
3 more public or private recovery high schools in Iowa designed
4 for the education of students in recovery from substance
5 use disorders or dependency or co-occurring disorders such
6 as anxiety, depression, or attention deficit hyperactivity
7 disorder. Such schools shall meet state requirements for
8 awarding a secondary school diploma and support students
9 engaged in a program of recovery. The department of health
10 and human services shall complete the study and submit its
11 recommendations to the governor and the general assembly by
12 November 1, 2023. The recommendations shall include provisions
13 for students to be eligible for education savings accounts
14 without regard to family financial capacity.

15 3. If sufficient funds are not available through the opioid
16 settlement fund created in section 12.51, there is appropriated
17 from the Iowa coronavirus fiscal recovery fund created in
18 section 8.57G for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and
19 ending June 30, 2024, to the department of health and human
20 services an amount sufficient to provide the total amount
21 specified under subsection 1 for the purposes designated under
22 this section.

23 4. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in
24 this section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
25 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
26 available for the purposes designated until expended.

27 Sec. 4. SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER — PERSONS COMMITTED
28 TO CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND COUNTY JAILS — OPIOID
29 SETTLEMENT.

30 1. a. There is appropriated from the opioid settlement
31 fund created in section 12.51 to the department of health and
32 human services, annually, an amount sufficient to implement
33 this section.

34 b. The department of health and human services shall
35 transfer the amount appropriated under this section to the

1 department of corrections for use in subsidizing the costs of
2 providing medication-assisted treatment to persons committed to
3 department of corrections institutions or county jails being
4 treated for opioid use disorder to purchase state-of-the-art
5 urine sample cups for use in the drug monitoring programs and
6 to fund efforts to fight hepatitis C, a potentially devastating
7 but curable disease spread through intravenous needle use of
8 opioids and other drugs in prison populations. If a county
9 is receiving opioid settlement funds to otherwise cover the
10 costs of medication-assisted treatment, the county shall match
11 the funding provided under this section on a dollar-for-dollar
12 basis.

13 2. If sufficient funds are not available through the
14 opioid settlement fund created in section 12.51, there is
15 appropriated from the Iowa coronavirus fiscal recovery fund
16 created in section 8.57G to the department of health and human
17 services for transfer to the department of corrections for the
18 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024,
19 an amount sufficient for the purposes designated under this
20 section.

21 3. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in
22 this section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
23 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
24 available for the purposes designated until expended.

25 Sec. 5. VETERANS COURTS — OPIOID SETTLEMENT.

26 1. There is appropriated from the opioid settlement fund
27 created in section 12.51 to the department of veterans affairs
28 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30,
29 2024, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary,
30 for the purpose designated:

31 \$ 1,000,000

32 2. a. The moneys appropriated under this section shall
33 be transferred to the judicial branch to establish a veterans
34 court with a full-time outreach coordinator in each judicial
35 district to provide court services to veterans and to integrate

1 court sanctions and incentives with substance use disorder
2 treatment, mental health treatment, and transitional services
3 for veterans in a judicially supervised setting.

4 b. It is the intent of the general assembly that the
5 jurisdiction of the veterans court may be exercised by any
6 district judge and by any district associate judge who is
7 designated by the chief judge of a judicial district as a judge
8 of the veterans court. The chief judge shall designate one
9 or more district judges and district associate judges to act
10 as judges of the veterans court for a judicial district. The
11 chief judge may designate a veterans court judge to preside in
12 more than one county.

13 3. If sufficient funds are not available through the opioid
14 settlement fund created in section 12.51, there is appropriated
15 from the Iowa coronavirus fiscal recovery fund created in
16 section 8.57G for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and
17 ending June 30, 2024, to the department of veterans affairs for
18 transfer to the judicial branch an amount sufficient to provide
19 the total amount specified under subsection 1 for the purposes
20 designated under this section.

21 4. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in
22 this section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
23 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
24 available for the purposes designated until expended.

25 Sec. 6. STATE EMPLOYEE BENEFITS — SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER
26 BENEFITS — USE OF OPIOIDS — OPIOID SETTLEMENT.

27 1. a. There is appropriated from the opioid settlement fund
28 created in section 12.51 to the department of administrative
29 services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending
30 June 30, 2024, the following amount, or so much thereof as is
31 necessary, for the purposes designated:

32 \$ 100,000

33 b. The department of administrative services, in cooperation
34 with any health insurance plans or health plan administrators
35 of benefits extended to state employees, shall utilize the

1 funds appropriated in this subsection to create a model
2 benefit plan designed to incentivize or otherwise promote the
3 effective, evidence-based prescription and use of opioids to
4 members receiving benefits through state plans, document the
5 current use of benefits for substance use disorders, identify
6 gaps or unnecessary restrictions in coverage, and expand
7 access to evidence-based treatments and therapies, including
8 nonpharmacological treatments.

9 3. If sufficient funds are not available through the opioid
10 settlement fund created in section 12.51, there is appropriated
11 from the Iowa coronavirus fiscal recovery fund created in
12 section 8.57G to the department of administrative services
13 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June
14 30, 2024, an amount sufficient to provide the total amount
15 specified under subsection 1 for the purposes designated under
16 this section.

17 4. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in
18 this section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
19 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
20 available for the purposes designated until expended.

21 Sec. 7. MEDICAID RECIPIENTS — SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER
22 BENEFITS — USE OF OPIOIDS — OPIOID SETTLEMENT.

23 1. a. There is appropriated from the opioid settlement fund
24 created in section 12.51 to the department of health and human
25 services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending
26 June 30, 2024, the following amount, or so much thereof as is
27 necessary, for the purposes designated:

28 \$ 100,000

29 b. The department of health and human services, in
30 cooperation with Medicaid managed care organizations, shall
31 utilize the funds appropriated under this section to design
32 benefit plans to incentivize or otherwise promote the
33 effective, evidence-based prescription and use of opioids to
34 Medicaid recipients, document the current use of benefits
35 for substance use disorders, identify gaps or unnecessary

1 restrictions in coverage, and expand access to evidence-based
2 treatment and therapies, including nonpharmacological
3 treatments. The department shall seek any Medicaid state plan
4 amendment or waiver necessary to administer this subsection.

5 2. If sufficient funds are not available through the opioid
6 settlement fund created in section 12.51, there is appropriated
7 from the Iowa coronavirus fiscal recovery fund created in
8 section 8.57G to the department of health and human services
9 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June
10 30, 2024, an amount sufficient to provide the total amount
11 specified under subsection 1 for the purposes designated under
12 this section.

13 3. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in
14 this section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
15 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
16 available for the purposes designated until expended.

17 Sec. 8. SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER AND OPIOID USE RESEARCH AND
18 EDUCATION — OPIOID SETTLEMENT.

19 1. There is appropriated from the opioid settlement fund
20 created in section 12.51 to the following entities for the
21 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024,
22 the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, for
23 the purposes designated:

24 a. To the department of health and human services:

25 (1) To contract with the Iowa health care collaborative to
26 do all of the following:

27 (a) To develop and pilot protocols for the treatment
28 of emergency room patients experiencing opioid or heroin
29 overdoses, including the provision of peer counseling and
30 advocacy:

31 \$ 100,000

32 (b) To reduce opioid exposure by educating doctors and
33 hospitals, especially in rural areas, to adopt the enhanced
34 recovery after surgery (ERAS) principles:

35 \$ 100,000

1 (2) For the psychiatric residency programs involved
2 with coordinated, collaborative care at newly established,
3 community-based behavioral health treatment facilities offering
4 residential substance use disorder treatment for twenty-nine
5 days or more:

6 \$ 1,000,000

7 (3) To pilot the establishment and operation of three
8 community-based syringe service programs developed to provide
9 substance use prevention and response including linkages
10 to substance use disorder treatment; vaccination, testing,
11 and access to care for infectious diseases; and access to,
12 education regarding the safe utilization of, and proper
13 disposal of, fentanyl test strips, sterile syringes, and
14 injection equipment:

15 \$ 450,000

16 The pilot program supported with the funding appropriated
17 under this subparagraph is conditioned on the implementation
18 of written agreements with local law enforcement agencies
19 and county attorneys to refrain from charging or prosecuting
20 program sponsors or participants for violations of section
21 124.414.

22 b. To the state board of regents:

23 (1) To fund research on medication-assisted treatment for
24 substance use disorders conducted at the university of Iowa
25 college of public health to identify variability in outcomes,
26 demonstrate efficacy of treatment, and refine evidence-based
27 protocols:

28 \$ 500,000

29 (2) To fund research and education conducted at the
30 university of Iowa Carver college of medicine for the
31 nonnarcotic treatment of pain:

32 \$ 1,000,000

33 c. To the department of public safety to establish and
34 direct a task force, in collaboration with the department of
35 health and human services, to make recommendations, based on

1 public health principles, to restructure the response of the
2 state's health and justice systems to illicit drug use and to
3 individuals suffering from substance use disorders:

4 \$ 500,000

5 The department of public safety shall submit a report of the
6 recommendations specified in this paragraph "c" to the governor
7 and the general assembly by July 1, 2024.

8 2. If sufficient funds are not available through the opioid
9 settlement fund created in section 12.51, there is appropriated
10 from the Iowa coronavirus fiscal recovery fund created in
11 section 8.57G to the entities specified in subsection 1,
12 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June
13 30, 2024, a sufficient amount to provide the total amounts
14 specified to the entities specified under subsection 1 for the
15 purposes designated under this section.

16 3. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in
17 this section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
18 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
19 available for the purposes designated until the close of the
20 succeeding fiscal year.

21 Sec. 9. PUBLIC HEALTH STRUCTURE AND INFRASTRUCTURE AND
22 SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER PREVENTION AND TREATMENT — OPIOID
23 SETTLEMENT.

24 1. There is appropriated from the opioid settlement fund
25 created in section 12.51 to the university of Iowa college of
26 public health for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and
27 ending June 30, 2024, the following amounts, or so much thereof
28 as is necessary, for the purposes designated:

29 a. To conduct a comprehensive review and evaluation of
30 the existing public health structure and infrastructure in
31 Iowa, and to make recommendations for policy and funding to
32 improve capacity of the state and local communities to address
33 substance use and related issues:

34 \$ 250,000

35 b. To coordinate increased, systematic efforts with local

1 public health authorities to address the personal behaviors,
2 societal conditions, and lack of access to services that are
3 identified as risk factors for substance use disorders and
4 related co-occurring health conditions:

5 \$ 1,000,000

6 The amount appropriated may be used to provide grants to
7 county boards of health to implement evidence-based community
8 programming, policies, and collaborative projects with health
9 care providers to address the identified risk factors.

10 c. To provide paid internships for college of public
11 health students paired with local health departments to
12 support the development of local public health infrastructure,
13 conduct community health needs assessments, and assist in
14 the successful implementation of health improvement plans to
15 address substance use disorders and co-occurring brain health
16 and related conditions:

17 \$ 500,000

18 2. If sufficient funds are not available through the
19 opioid settlement fund created in section 12.51 to satisfy the
20 appropriations under subsection 1, there is appropriated from
21 the Iowa coronavirus fiscal recovery fund created in section
22 8.57G to the university of Iowa college of public health
23 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June
24 30, 2024, a sufficient amount to provide the total amounts
25 specified under subsection 1 for the purposes designated under
26 this section.

27 3. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in
28 this section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
29 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
30 available for the purposes designated until the close of the
31 succeeding fiscal year.

32 Sec. 10. SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER — RECOVERY HOUSING —
33 SUPPORTIVE SERVICES — OPIOID SETTLEMENT.

34 1. a. There is appropriated from the opioid settlement fund
35 created in section 12.51 to the department of health and human

1 services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending
2 June 30, 2024, the following amount, or so much thereof as is
3 necessary, for the purpose designated:

4 \$ 2,000,000

5 b. Moneys appropriated under this section shall be used
6 by the department, in collaboration with the Iowa finance
7 authority and community-based organizations, to engage in work
8 to increase the availability of recovery housing throughout the
9 state. The moneys shall be distributed as grants to recovery
10 housing providers whose application for assistance is in
11 accordance with a county community health needs assessment and
12 health improvement plan. If a county is otherwise receiving
13 opioid settlement funds, the county shall match the grant
14 funding provided under this section on a dollar-for-dollar
15 basis.

16 2. If sufficient funds are not available through the
17 opioid settlement fund created in section 12.51 to satisfy the
18 appropriations under subsection 1, there is appropriated from
19 the Iowa coronavirus fiscal recovery fund created in section
20 8.57G to the department of health and human services for the
21 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, a
22 sufficient amount to provide the total amount specified under
23 subsection 1 for the purposes designated under this section.

24 3. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in
25 this section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
26 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
27 available for the purposes designated until the close of the
28 succeeding fiscal year.

29 Sec. 11. COMPREHENSIVE STUDY AND REPORT OF SUBSTANCE USE
30 DISORDER TREATMENT COVERAGE, UTILIZATION, AND EXPENDITURES —
31 OPIOID SETTLEMENT.

32 1. a. There is appropriated from the opioid settlement
33 fund created in section 12.51 to the department of insurance
34 and financial services for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
35 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, the following amount, or so

1 much thereof as is necessary, for the purposes designated:

2 \$ 100,000

3 b. The department of insurance and financial services shall
4 utilize the funds appropriated under this subsection to perform
5 a comprehensive study and prepare a comprehensive report on
6 insurance coverage and payment policies for services related
7 to the treatment of substance use disorders by commercial
8 insurance companies and self-funded plans, as well as data
9 on current utilization and expenditures associated with such
10 benefit plans. The report shall be submitted to the general
11 assembly by January 1, 2024.

12 2. If sufficient funds are not available through the opioid
13 settlement fund created in section 12.51, there is appropriated
14 from the Iowa coronavirus fiscal recovery fund created in
15 section 8.57G to the department of insurance and financial
16 services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending
17 June 30, 2024, an amount sufficient to provide the total amount
18 specified under subsection 1 for the purposes designated under
19 this section.

20 3. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in
21 this section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
22 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
23 available for the purposes designated until the close of the
24 succeeding fiscal year.

25 Sec. 12. TASK FORCE ON AN INTEGRATED SYSTEM FOR PREVENTION,
26 TREATMENT, RECOVERY, AND RESOURCES — APPROPRIATIONS.

27 1. a. The director of health and human services
28 shall convene a task force to research and develop policy
29 recommendations to implement an integrated behavioral health
30 and substance use disorder system and services structure that
31 blends funding in the areas of prevention, treatment, recovery,
32 and resources.

33 b. The task force shall include the director of health
34 and human services, appropriate departmental personnel, two
35 representatives of each mental health and disability services

1 region appointed by the region, and three experts each
2 representing the fields of prevention, treatment, and recovery
3 selected by the department based on recommendations from the
4 mental health and disability services region chief executive
5 officers.

6 c. The task force shall submit a report to the governor
7 and the general assembly by June 30, 2024, including
8 recommendations that address all of the following:

9 (1) Prevention policy, including measures to ensure
10 consistent and sustained funding for prevention activities,
11 enhanced early intervention techniques, and a plan for
12 well-rounded prevention programs that address alcohol,
13 methamphetamine, opioid use, and co-occurring disorders.

14 (2) Treatment policy, built on the premise that
15 co-occurring issues are the norm rather than the exception,
16 and includes methods to deliver services through integrated
17 care models that regulate team-based care or close coordination
18 between providers, use of dual treatment planning methods,
19 standards for counselors to attain and practice with dual
20 certification, licensure solutions for dual programs and
21 practitioners, and effective treatment modalities for
22 short-term and long-term outcomes.

23 (3) Recovery policy, including practices to integrate
24 co-occurring approaches in mobile crisis response and other
25 crisis services, implementation of harm reduction practices,
26 integration of feasible medication strategies to support
27 mental health issues in alignment with substance use disorder
28 recovery, and incentive programs to support recovery efforts.

29 (4) Resource deployment policy including all of the
30 following:

31 (a) The combining and leveraging of state, regional,
32 and local partnerships to optimize opioid settlement funds
33 available to the state and counties.

34 (b) Allocation of federal substance abuse and mental health
35 services administration block grants for substance abuse

1 prevention and treatment and community mental health services.

2 (c) Other related federal government and private funding
3 opportunities.

4 (5) Provisions for peer support workers consistent with
5 the guidance of the federal substance abuse and mental health
6 services administration's bringing recovery supports to scale
7 technical assistance center strategy.

8 (6) Opportunities through the alignment of the department
9 of health and human services to integrate the fragmented
10 behavioral health and substance use disorder services systems
11 into a system of comprehensive, whole-person care, that
12 utilizes public funding more efficiently and increases the
13 return on investment through enhanced community health for all
14 Iowans.

15 2. There is appropriated from the opioid settlement fund
16 created in section 12.51 to the department of health and
17 human services, for task force support for the fiscal year
18 beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, the following
19 amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, for the purposes
20 designated:

21 \$ 150,000

22 The task force shall approve any contract for external
23 assistance to the task force.

24 3. a. There is appropriated from the opioid settlement
25 fund created in section 12.51 to the department of health and
26 human services, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and
27 ending June 30, 2025, the following amount, or so much thereof
28 as is necessary for the purposes designated:

29 \$ 10,000,000

30 b. For dollar-for-dollar matching grants to mental health
31 and disability services regions to be used for long-term
32 residential treatment and recovery services for persons
33 diagnosed with one or more disorders including a substance use
34 disorder in accordance with the recommendations of the task
35 force convened under this section.

1 c. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in
2 this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
3 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
4 available for the purposes designated until expended.

5 Sec. 13. IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY — TRANSITIONAL HOUSING
6 FOR ELIGIBLE SERVICE MEMBERS. There is appropriated from the
7 opioid settlement fund established in section 12.51 to the
8 Iowa finance authority for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
9 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, the following amount, or so
10 much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
11 designated:

12 To provide grants, low-interest loans, and loan guarantees
13 to veteran-led nonprofit organizations:

14 \$ 4,300,000

15 1. Amounts appropriated pursuant to this section shall be
16 distributed to veteran-led nonprofit organizations provided
17 that the organization meets all of the following conditions:

18 a. The funds will be used to purchase land, construct
19 housing, or furnish housing for the purpose of providing
20 transitional housing to homeless veterans.

21 b. The veterans receiving transitional housing benefits
22 pursuant to paragraph "a" are suffering from or are at risk of
23 opioid or other substance abuse disorder, post-traumatic stress
24 disorder, or another mental illness or life disruption as the
25 Iowa finance authority, in consultation with the department
26 of health and human services and the department of veterans
27 affairs, deems appropriate.

28 c. The funds are used as a part of a wraparound health
29 and social services program provided by or through the
30 organization.

31 2. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in
32 this section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
33 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
34 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the
35 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

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EXPLANATION

The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

This bill relates to services, treatment, research, education, and other activities relating to substance use disorders, mental health, and other conditions, including those relating to opioids, and provides appropriations.

BOARD OF PHARMACY. The bill appropriates funds from the opioid settlement fund created in Code section 12.51 to the board of pharmacy for fiscal year 2023-2024 for the board of pharmacy to integrate the state's prescription monitoring program with health care providers' electronic medical record or pharmacy dispensing systems to allow a seamless connection between the prescription monitoring program and those systems; and for the board of pharmacy to implement the opioid and naloxone education (ONE) program to provide resources to pharmacists to educate patients regarding opioid misuse and accidental overdose in order to decrease opioid prescription rates and the related addiction and overdose deaths in the state. If sufficient funds are not available through the opioid settlement fund to satisfy the appropriations, there is appropriated from the Iowa coronavirus fiscal recovery fund created in Code section 8.57G to the board of pharmacy for fiscal year 2023-2024, an amount sufficient to provide the total amounts specified for the purposes designated. Funds appropriated shall not revert but shall remain available until the close of the succeeding fiscal year.

ACCESS TO NALOXONE. The bill appropriates funds from the opioid settlement fund for deposit in the opioid antagonist medication fund created in Code section 135.190A for fiscal year 2023-2024 to be used by the department of health and human services (HHS) for the purchase, provision, maintenance, and replacement of opioid antagonist medication administered by first responders to persons experiencing an opioid-related overdose and to county health departments for distribution to

1 accredited schools and institutions of higher education upon
2 request. If sufficient funds are not available through the
3 opioid settlement fund to satisfy the appropriation, there
4 is appropriated from the Iowa coronavirus fiscal recovery
5 fund for fiscal year 2023-2024 for deposit in the opioid
6 antagonist medication fund an amount sufficient to provide the
7 total amount specified for the purposes designated. Funds
8 appropriated shall not revert but shall remain available until
9 the close of the succeeding fiscal year.

10 RECOVERY HIGH SCHOOLS. The bill appropriates funds from the
11 opioid settlement fund to HHS for fiscal year 2023-2024 to be
12 used by HHS in collaboration with the department of education
13 to study and make recommendations regarding the establishment
14 of one or more public or private recovery high schools in
15 Iowa designed for the education of students in recovery from
16 substance use disorders or dependency or co-occurring disorders
17 such as anxiety, depression, or attention deficit hyperactivity
18 disorder. The schools must meet state requirements for
19 awarding a secondary school diploma and support students
20 engaged in a program of recovery. The department of health
21 and human services shall complete the study and submit its
22 recommendations to the governor and the general assembly by
23 November 1, 2023. The recommendations shall include provisions
24 for students to be eligible for education savings accounts
25 without regard to family financial capacity. If sufficient
26 funds are not available through the opioid settlement fund to
27 satisfy the appropriation, there is appropriated from the Iowa
28 coronavirus fiscal recovery fund for fiscal year 2023-2024 to
29 HHS an amount sufficient to provide the total amount specified
30 for the purposes designated. Funds appropriated shall not
31 revert but shall remain available until the close of the
32 succeeding fiscal year.

33 CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND COUNTY JAILS. The bill
34 appropriates funds from the opioid settlement fund to
35 HHS for fiscal year 2023-2024 for HHS to transfer to the

1 department of corrections for use in subsidizing the costs of
2 providing medication-assisted treatment to persons confined
3 to correctional institutions or county jails being treated
4 for opioid use disorder, to purchase state-of-the-art urine
5 sample cups for use in the drug monitoring programs, and to
6 fund efforts to fight hepatitis C, a potentially devastating
7 but curable disease spread through intravenous needle use
8 of opioids and other drugs in prison populations. For
9 counties, the funding is subject to a dollar-to-dollar match of
10 county opioid settlement funds. If sufficient funds are not
11 available through the opioid settlement fund to satisfy the
12 appropriation, there is appropriated from the Iowa coronavirus
13 fiscal recovery fund to HHS for transfer to the department of
14 corrections for fiscal year 2023-2024 an amount sufficient to
15 provide the total amount specified for the purposes designated.
16 Funds appropriated shall not revert but shall remain available
17 until the close of the succeeding fiscal year.

18 VETERANS COURTS. The bill appropriates funds from the
19 opioid settlement fund to the department of veterans affairs
20 for fiscal year 2023-2024 to be transferred to the judicial
21 branch to establish a veterans court with a full-time outreach
22 coordinator in each judicial district to provide court services
23 to veterans and to integrate court sanctions and incentives
24 with substance use disorder treatment, mental health treatment,
25 and transitional services for veterans in a judicially
26 supervised setting. The jurisdiction of the veterans court
27 may be exercised by any district judge and by any district
28 associate judge who is designated by the chief judge of a
29 judicial district as a judge of the veterans court. The chief
30 judge shall designate one or more district judges and district
31 associate judges to act as judges of the veterans courts for a
32 judicial district. The chief judge may designate a veterans
33 court judge to preside in more than one county. If sufficient
34 funds are not available through the opioid settlement fund to
35 satisfy the appropriation, there is appropriated from the Iowa

1 coronavirus fiscal recovery fund for fiscal year 2023-2024 to
2 the department of veterans affairs for transfer to the judicial
3 branch an amount sufficient to provide the total amount
4 specified for the purposes designated. Funds appropriated
5 shall not revert but shall remain available until the close of
6 the succeeding fiscal year.

7 STATE EMPLOYEE BENEFITS. The bill appropriates funds from
8 the opioid settlement fund to the department of administrative
9 services (DAS) for fiscal year 2023-2024 to be used by DAS
10 in cooperation with any health insurance plans or health
11 plan administrators of benefits extended to state employees
12 to create a model benefit plan designed to incentivize or
13 otherwise promote the effective, evidence-based prescription
14 and use of opioids to members receiving benefits through state
15 plans, document the current use of benefits for substance
16 use disorders, identify gaps or unnecessary restrictions in
17 coverage, and expand access to evidence-based treatments
18 and therapies, including nonpharmacological treatments.
19 If sufficient funds are not available through the opioid
20 settlement fund to satisfy the appropriation, there is
21 appropriated from the Iowa coronavirus fiscal recovery fund to
22 DAS for fiscal year 2023-2024 an amount sufficient to provide
23 the total amount specified for the purposes designated. Funds
24 appropriated shall not revert but shall remain available until
25 the close of the succeeding fiscal year.

26 MEDICAID RECIPIENTS. The bill appropriates funds from
27 the opioid settlement fund to HHS for fiscal year 2023-2024
28 to be used by HHS, in cooperation with Medicaid managed care
29 organizations, to design benefit plans to incentivize or
30 otherwise promote the effective, evidence-based prescription
31 and use of opioids to Medicaid recipients, document the
32 current use of benefits for substance use disorders, identify
33 gaps or unnecessary restrictions in coverage, and expand
34 access to evidence-based treatment and therapies, including
35 nonpharmacological treatments. The department of health and

1 human services shall seek any Medicaid state plan amendment
2 or waiver necessary to administer this provision of the
3 bill. If sufficient funds are not available through the
4 opioid settlement fund to satisfy the appropriation, there is
5 appropriated from the Iowa coronavirus fiscal recovery fund to
6 HHS for fiscal year 2023-2024 an amount sufficient to provide
7 the total amount specified for the purposes designated. Funds
8 appropriated shall not revert but shall remain available until
9 the close of the succeeding fiscal year.

10 RESEARCH AND EDUCATION. The bill appropriates funds
11 from the opioid settlement fund to HHS, the state board
12 of regents, and the department of public safety. The
13 appropriation to HHS is to contract with the Iowa health
14 care collaborative to develop and pilot protocols for the
15 treatment of emergency room patients experiencing opioid or
16 heroin overdoses, including the provisions of peer counseling
17 and advocacy and to reduce opioid exposure by educating
18 doctors and hospitals, especially in rural areas, to adopt
19 the enhanced recovery after surgery (ERAS) principles; for
20 the psychiatric residency programs involved with coordinated,
21 collaborative care at newly established, community-based
22 behavioral health treatment facilities offering residential
23 substance use disorder treatment for 29 days or more; and to
24 pilot the establishment and operation of three community-based
25 syringe service programs, conditioned on the implementation
26 of written agreements with local law enforcement agencies
27 and county attorneys to refrain from charging or prosecuting
28 program sponsors or participants for violations of Code
29 section 124.414 (drug paraphernalia). The appropriation to
30 the state board of regents is to be used to fund research
31 on medication-assisted treatment for substance use disorders
32 conducted at the university of Iowa college of public health
33 to identify variability in outcomes, demonstrate efficacy of
34 treatment, and refine evidence-based protocols; and to fund
35 research and education conducted at the university of Iowa

1 Carver college of medicine for the nonnarcotic treatment
2 of pain. The appropriation to the department of public
3 safety is to be used to establish and direct a task force,
4 in collaboration with HHS, to make recommendations, based on
5 public health principles, to restructure the response of the
6 state's health and justice systems to illicit drug use and to
7 individuals suffering from substance use disorders, with a
8 report submitted to the governor and the general assembly by
9 July 1, 2024. If sufficient funds are not available through
10 the opioid settlement fund to satisfy the appropriations, there
11 is appropriated from the Iowa coronavirus fiscal recovery
12 fund created in section 8.57G, to the entities specified for
13 fiscal year 2023-2024, sufficient amounts to provide the total
14 amounts specified to the entities specified for the purposes
15 designated. Funds appropriated shall not revert but shall
16 remain available until the close of the succeeding fiscal year.

17 PUBLIC HEALTH STRUCTURE AND INFRASTRUCTURE. The bill
18 appropriates funds from the opioid settlement fund to the
19 university of Iowa college of public health for fiscal year
20 2023-2024 to conduct a comprehensive review and evaluation of
21 the existing public health structure and infrastructure in
22 Iowa, and to make recommendations for policy and funding to
23 improve capacity of the state and local communities to address
24 substance use and related issues; to coordinate increased,
25 systematic efforts with local public health authorities to
26 address the personal behaviors, societal conditions, and lack
27 of access to services that are identified as risk factors
28 for substance use disorders and related co-occurring health
29 conditions; and to provide paid internships for college of
30 public health students paired with local health departments to
31 support the development of local public health infrastructure,
32 conduct community health needs assessments, and assist in
33 the successful implementation of health improvement plans
34 to address substance use disorders and co-occurring brain
35 health and related conditions. If sufficient funds are not

1 available through the opioid settlement fund to satisfy the
2 appropriations, there is appropriated from the Iowa coronavirus
3 fiscal recovery fund to the university of Iowa college of
4 public health for fiscal year 2023-2024 a sufficient amount
5 to provide the total amounts specified for the purposes
6 designated. Funds appropriated shall not revert but shall
7 remain available until the close of the succeeding fiscal year.

8 RECOVERY HOUSING. The bill appropriates funds from the
9 opioid settlement fund to HHS for fiscal year 2023-2024, to be
10 used by HHS, in collaboration with the Iowa finance authority
11 and community-based organizations, to engage in work to
12 increase the availability of recovery housing throughout the
13 state. The moneys shall be distributed as grants to recovery
14 housing providers whose application for assistance is in
15 accordance with a county community health needs assessment and
16 health improvement plan. A county otherwise receiving opioid
17 settlement funds shall match the grant funding provided on a
18 dollar-for-dollar basis. If sufficient funds are not available
19 through the opioid settlement to satisfy the appropriation,
20 there is appropriated from the Iowa coronavirus fiscal recovery
21 fund to HHS for fiscal year 2023-2024, a sufficient amount to
22 provide the total amount specified for the purposes designated.
23 Funds appropriated shall not revert but shall remain available
24 until the close of the succeeding fiscal year.

25 INSURANCE COVERAGE STUDY — REPORT. The bill appropriates
26 funds from the opioid settlement fund to the department of
27 insurance and financial services, for fiscal year 2023-2024,
28 for the department of insurance and financial services to
29 perform a comprehensive study and prepare a comprehensive
30 report on insurance coverage and payment policies for services
31 related to the treatment of substance use disorders by
32 commercial insurance companies and self-funded plans, as well
33 as data on current utilization and expenditures associated
34 with such benefit plans. The report shall be submitted
35 to the general assembly by January 1, 2024. If sufficient

1 funds are not available through the opioid settlement fund to
2 satisfy the appropriation, there is appropriated from the Iowa
3 coronavirus fiscal recovery fund to the division of insurance
4 of the department of commerce for fiscal year 2023-2024 an
5 amount sufficient to provide the total amount specified for the
6 purposes designated. Funds appropriated shall not revert but
7 shall remain available until the close of the succeeding fiscal
8 year.

9 INTEGRATED SYSTEM FOR PREVENTION, TREATMENT, RECOVERY, AND
10 RESOURCES. The bill requires the director of health and human
11 services to convene a task force to develop recommendations
12 regarding an integrated system for prevention, treatment,
13 recovery, and resources. The bill specifies the membership
14 of the task force, and requires the task force to submit a
15 report to the governor and the general assembly by June 30,
16 2024, specifying recommendations for an integrated system
17 that blends funding and provides an efficient system of
18 comprehensive, whole-person care. The bill appropriates
19 funding from the opioid settlement fund to support the task
20 force and provides that the task force shall approve any
21 contract for external assistance to the task force. The
22 bill appropriates funds from the opioid settlement fund to
23 the department of health and human services for FY 2024-2025
24 to provide for dollar-for-dollar matching grants to mental
25 health and disability services regions to be used for long-term
26 residential treatment and recovery services in accordance with
27 the recommendations of the task force. Moneys appropriated
28 shall not revert but shall remain available for the purposes
29 designated until the close of the succeeding fiscal year.

30 TRANSITIONAL HOUSING FOR HOMELESS VETERANS. The bill
31 relates to transitional housing for specified homeless
32 veterans.

33 The bill appropriates \$4.3 million from the opioid
34 settlement fund to the Iowa finance authority (IFA) for FY
35 2023-2024 to provide grants, low-interest loans, and loan

1 guarantees to veteran-led nonprofit organizations (VNO).

2 The bill makes the distribution of such moneys appropriated
3 to the IFA contingent on a VNO using the funds to purchase
4 land, construct housing, or furnish housing for the purpose of
5 providing transitional housing to homeless veterans; ensuring
6 the veterans receiving such transitional housing benefits are
7 suffering from or are at risk of opioid or other substance
8 abuse disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder, or another
9 mental illness or life disruption as the IFA, in consultation
10 with the department of health and human services and the
11 department of veterans affairs, deems appropriate; and that
12 the funds are used as a part of a wraparound health and social
13 services program provided by or through the VNO.

14 All moneys appropriated pursuant to this section of the bill
15 that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the
16 fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available for
17 expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of the
18 succeeding fiscal year.