

**Senate File 624 - Introduced**

SENATE FILE 624  
BY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1226)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the opioid settlement fund, making  
2 appropriations, and including effective date provisions.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 12.51, subsection 2, Code 2025, is amended  
2 to read as follows:

3 2. a. Moneys in the fund shall not be transferred, used,  
4 obligated, appropriated, or otherwise encumbered except as  
5 provided in this section. Moneys in the fund shall only be used  
6 pursuant to appropriations from the fund by the general assembly  
7 for purposes of abating the opioid crisis in this state, which  
8 may include but are not limited to the purposes specified in  
9 section 135.190A for moneys in the opioid antagonist medication  
10 fund.

11 b. (1) Annually, the department of health and human services  
12 and the office of the attorney general shall each submit a  
13 proposed legislative bill pursuant to section 2.16, subsection  
14 2, containing recommended appropriations from the fund to the  
15 respective entity for the upcoming fiscal year. To ensure  
16 equitable statewide services, the department of health and  
17 human services and the attorney general shall consider the  
18 recommendations for the proposed legislative bill from each  
19 district behavioral health advisory council established pursuant  
20 to 2024 Iowa Acts, ch. 1161, §5. The proposed legislative bills  
21 must provide that seventy-five percent of the unencumbered and  
22 unobligated moneys in the fund are appropriated to the department  
23 of health and human services, and twenty-five percent of the  
24 unencumbered and unobligated moneys in the fund are appropriated  
25 to the office of the attorney general. The department of health  
26 and human services and the office of the attorney general shall  
27 disburse moneys appropriated from the fund in accordance with  
28 the requirements of the master settlement agreements, the Act in  
29 which the moneys are appropriated, and this section. The moneys  
30 disbursed by the department of health and human services and the  
31 office of the attorney general pursuant to an appropriation from  
32 the fund shall be accompanied by a statement on any printed or  
33 marketing materials that the funding is a one-time allocation  
34 from the opioid settlement fund.

35 (2) The department of health and human services and the

1 office of the attorney general shall submit a report jointly or  
2 individually by January 1, 2027, and by January 1 every year  
3 thereafter, to the general assembly detailing the disbursements  
4 from the immediately preceding fiscal year and, if applicable,  
5 the impact of the disbursements on Iowans.

6 Sec. 2. OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND — APPROPRIATIONS —  
7 FY 2024-2025.

8 1. There is appropriated from the opioid settlement fund  
9 created in section 12.51 to the department of health and human  
10 services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending  
11 June 30, 2025, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is  
12 necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

13 a. To provide grants to nonprofit organizations headquartered  
14 in a city with a population between 24,500 and 25,000 as  
15 determined by the 2020 federal decennial census, that are members  
16 of the Iowa substance use and problem gambling services  
17 integrated provider network and specialize in the treatment and  
18 prevention of co-occurring mental health and substance use  
19 disorders for adolescents and adults, to be used for renovation  
20 and expansion of a nature-based recovery campus to provide  
21 co-occurring assessment, treatment, and prevention services for  
22 both adolescents and adults who are suffering from mental health  
23 and substance use disorders, including outpatient, residential  
24 treatment, and detoxification:

25 ..... \$ 12,000,000

26 b. To abate the opioid crisis in the state as described in  
27 section 12.51, subsection 2:

28 ..... \$ 30,000,000

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

34 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate  
35 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

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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 and makes appropriations from the opioid settlement fund (fund).

The bill provides that annually, the department of health and human services (HHS) and the office of the attorney general (AG) shall each submit a proposed legislative bill by the prefiling deadline for departments containing recommended appropriations from the fund for the upcoming fiscal year. To ensure equitable statewide services, HHS and the AG shall consider recommendations for the proposed legislative bill from each district behavioral health advisory council. The proposed legislative bills shall provide that of the unencumbered and unobligated moneys in the fund, 75 percent is appropriated to HHS and 25 percent is appropriated to the AG. Moneys appropriated to HHS or the AG shall be disbursed in accordance with the requirements of the master settlement agreements, the Act in which the money is appropriated, and the bill, and shall be accompanied by a statement on any printed or marketing materials that the funding is a one-time allocation from the fund.

The bill requires HHS and the AG to submit a report jointly or individually to the general assembly by January 1, 2027, and by January 1 each subsequent year, detailing the disbursements from the immediately preceding fiscal year, including the impact of the disbursements.

The bill appropriates \$12 million for FY 2024-2025 from the fund to HHS to provide grants to nonprofit organizations headquartered in a city with a population between 24,500 and 25,000 as determined by the 2020 federal decennial census, that are members of the Iowa substance use and problem gambling services integrated provider network and specialize in the treatment and prevention of co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders for adolescents and adults, for purposes of renovation and expansion of a campus as detailed in the bill.

1     The bill also appropriates \$30 million for FY 2024-2025 from  
2 the fund to HHS to abate the opioid crisis in the state.  
3     The bill takes effect upon enactment.

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