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LEGISLATIVE BILL 931

Introduced by Fredrickson, 20.

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Committee: Appropriations

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to change the use of
2 reappropriated Federal Funds as prescribed; to reduce and increase
3 certain appropriations related to behavioral health purposes; and to
4 declare an emergency.

5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. The appropriation of Federal Funds in Laws 2022, LB1014,
2 section 31, and reappropriated by Laws 2023, LB814, section 4, to the
3 Department of Health and Human Services, for Program 514, that was
4 designated as aid for grants for capital costs of expanding access to
5 behavioral health acute care beds in rural areas where beds are not
6 currently available or a shortage exists, is hereby reduced by
7 \$2,500,000.

8 Sec. 2. There is hereby appropriated \$2,500,000 from Federal Funds
9 for fiscal year 2024-25 to the Board of Regents of the University of
10 Nebraska, for Program 781. The Federal Funds to be appropriated are from
11 the funds allocated to the State of Nebraska from the federal Coronavirus
12 State Fiscal Recovery Fund pursuant to the federal American Rescue Plan
13 Act of 2021, 42 U.S.C. 802, as amended.

14 There is included in the appropriation to this program for FY2024-25
15 \$2,500,000 Federal Funds for the Behavioral Health Education Center for
16 the purposes described in section 71-830 to be spent by the Behavioral
17 Health Education Center for graduate and postgraduate training
18 opportunities such as internships, practicums, and fellowships, for the
19 expansion of telebehavioral health services in rural areas, for education
20 and training opportunities for students and behavioral health
21 professionals related to behavioral health issues caused or exacerbated
22 by the COVID-19 public health emergency, or for stipends for
23 provisionally licensed behavioral health professionals employed in the
24 field of behavioral health.

25 Sec. 3. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
26 passed and approved according to law.