

Senator Daniel W. Thatcher proposes the following substitute bill:

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AMENDMENTS

2020 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Daniel W. Thatcher

House Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill creates the Mental Health Services Donation Fund.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ creates the Mental Health Services Donation Fund;
- ▶ requires the University Neuropsychiatric Institute to administer the Mental Health

Services Donation Fund;

▶ describes the purposes for which the Mental Health Services Donation Fund may be used; and

- ▶ makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

53B-17-1301, Utah Code Annotated 1953



26 [53B-17-1302](#), Utah Code Annotated 1953

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28 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

29 Section 1. Section **53B-17-1301** is enacted to read:

30 **Part 13. Mental Health Services Donation Fund**

31 **53B-17-1301. Definitions.**

32 As used in this part:

33 (1) "Crisis worker" means the same as that term is defined in Section [62A-15-1301](#).

34 (2) "Fund" means the Mental Health Services Donation Fund created in Section
35 [53B-17-1302](#).

36 (3) "Local mental health crisis line" means the same as that term is defined in Section
37 [62A-15-1301](#).

38 (4) "Mental health therapist" means the same as that term is defined in Section
39 [58-60-102](#).

40 (5) "Mental health therapy" means treatment or prevention of a mental illness,
41 including:

42 (a) conducting a professional evaluation of an individual's condition of mental health,
43 mental illness, or emotional disorder consistent with standards generally recognized by mental
44 health therapists;

45 (b) establishing a diagnosis in accordance with established written standards generally
46 recognized by mental health therapists;

47 (c) prescribing a plan or medication for the prevention or treatment of a condition of a
48 mental illness or an emotional disorder; and

49 (d) engaging in the conduct of professional intervention, including psychotherapy by
50 the application of established methods and procedures generally recognized by mental health
51 therapists.

52 (6) "Qualified individual" means an individual who is referred for mental health
53 therapy to the University Neuropsychiatric Institute by:

54 (a) a mental health therapist; or

55 (b) a crisis worker, based on the individual's call to a local mental health crisis line or
56 the statewide mental health crisis line.

57 (7) "Statewide mental health crisis line" means the same as that term is defined in
58 Section 62A-15-1301.

59 (8) "University Neuropsychiatric Institute" means the same as that term is defined in
60 Section 53B-17-1201.

61 Section 2. Section **53B-17-1302** is enacted to read:

62 **53B-17-1302. Mental Health Services Donation Fund.**

63 (1) There is created an expendable special revenue fund known as the "Mental Health
64 Services Donation Fund."

65 (2) The fund shall consist of:

66 (a) gifts, grants, donations, or any other conveyance of money that may be made to the
67 fund from public or private individuals or entities; and

68 (b) interest earned on money in the fund.

69 (3) The University Neuropsychiatric Institute shall administer the fund in accordance
70 with this section.

71 (4) Fund money may be used:

72 (a) to provide mental health therapy to qualified individuals;

73 (b) to provide access to evaluations and coordination of short-term care to assist a
74 qualified individual in identifying services or support needs, resources, or benefits for which
75 the qualified individual may be eligible;

76 (c) to develop a system for a qualified individual and a qualified individual's family to
77 access information and referrals for mental health therapy; and

78 (d) for administrative or operational costs related to the services described in
79 Subsections (4)(a) through (c).