



# HOUSE BILL 259: 2023 Appropriations Act, Sec. 9G.2B: Justice-Related Behavioral Health Programs

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**OVERVIEW:** Section 9G.2B of S.L. 2023-134 allocates \$29 million in nonrecurring funds for the 2024-2025 fiscal year and \$70 million in nonrecurring funds for the 2024-2025 fiscal year from the ARPA Temporary Savings Fund to the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Use Services (MH/DD/SUS), Department of Health and Human Services. The funds must be used (i) for community-based pre-arrest diversion and reentry programs, (ii) to fund local partnerships between law enforcement, counties, and behavioral health providers, and (iii) for community-based and detention center-based restoration programs.

MH/DD/SUS must consult with the Department of Adult Correction (DAC) in developing or operating any of the programs detailed in this section. MH/DD/SUS may enter into a Memorandum of Understanding or Memorandum of Agreement with DAC if it would be the most effective use of funds or manner of implementation.

The section became effective July 1, 2023.

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