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sHB-5396

AN ACT INCREASING ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH
MEDICATION.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 23 \$	FY 24 \$
Mental Health & Addiction Serv., Dept.	GF - Cost	3,000,000	See Below
Mental Health & Addiction Serv., Dept.	GF - Cost	at least 86,000	at least 86,000
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits ¹	GF - Cost	at least 34,800	at least 34,800

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in a cost to the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) associated with establishing a psychedelic-assisted therapy pilot program to provide grants to applicants to provide MDMA-assisted or psilocybin-assisted therapy to qualified patients, as part of an expanded access program approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Such grants will be funded through the Qualified Patients for Approved Treatment Sites Fund, known as the PAT Fund, established by the bill and administered by DMHAS. The bill appropriates \$3 million to the PAT Fund in FY 23, with at least \$1.5 million to be distributed to approved treatment sites

¹The fringe benefit costs for most state employees are budgeted centrally in accounts administered by the Comptroller. The estimated active employee fringe benefit cost associated with most personnel changes is 40.53% of payroll in FY 23.

that year. DMHAS may deposit other funds into the PAT Fund.

DMHAS will incur additional costs of at least \$86,000 (with associated fringe benefits of \$34,800) for a Behavioral Health Program Manager to administer the grant program.

The bill makes technical, conforming, and other changes that have no fiscal impact.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation. The pilot program will end when MDMA and psilocybin have been approved to have a medical use by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), or its successor.