

Amendment No. 1 to SB2533

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**AMEND Senate Bill No. 2533**

**House Bill No. 1816\***

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 33-11-103, is amended by adding the following as new subsections:

(t) Notwithstanding another law to the contrary, the council shall allocate funds held in the opioid abatement fund as follows:

(1) From amounts that are not required to be disbursed to the counties pursuant to subsection (p), it is the legislative intent that the council shall allocate:

(A) Twelve million three hundred thousand dollars (\$12,300,000) to the bureau of TennCare to be distributed in the amount of four million one hundred thousand dollars (\$4,100,000) per year in fiscal years 2026-2027, 2027-2028, and 2028-2029 for the purpose of equalizing the per member per month adult mobile crisis reimbursement rates, paid to the nonprofit community behavioral health provider contracted entities that provide mobile crisis services across this state for TennCare enrollees, as determined by the formula created by the bureau in consultation with the Tennessee Association of Mental Health Organizations, in order to expand assessment capacity and timely access to care; and

(B) Twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000) to the department of mental health and substance abuse services in fiscal year 2026-2027 for the purpose of funding crisis services and residential treatment services

for uninsured individuals with co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders. Funds must be used to expand access, capacity, and stabilization services for such population; and

(2) For amounts paid into the opioid abatement fund on or after July 1, 2026, ten percent (10%) of the funds available to the council after accounting for proceeds required to be disbursed to the counties pursuant to subsection (p) must be allocated to the department of mental health and substance abuse services for deposit into a separate account within the opioid abatement fund. Amounts in this account must be used exclusively for the purposes set forth in subdivision (t)(1)(B), including crisis and residential services for uninsured individuals with co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders. Disbursements to this account must be made at the time county disbursements are made pursuant to subsection (p).

(u) Funds allocated pursuant to subsection (t) must supplement and not supplant existing state appropriations for behavioral health and substance use disorder services.

(v) The allocations made pursuant to subsection (t) must not reduce, offset, or otherwise affect the distribution of proceeds to counties or municipalities from opioid settlements.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2026, the public welfare requiring it.