

**HHC mental health outreach/public safety language for budget**

Sec. X. MENTAL HEALTH OUTREACH; STATEWIDE SCALE; DEPARTMENT OF  
MENTAL HEALTH; DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

(a) The sum of \$525,000.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Mental Health in fiscal year 2021 for collaboration with the Department of Public Safety and other stakeholders, including individuals with lived experience of psychiatric labels, in expanding regional models for mental health outreach to statewide scale in order to provide for the safety of all, to respond effectively, and to improve access to services and supports for individuals with mental health needs in the community in ways that reduce reliance on and utilization of law enforcement in responding to mental health crises.

(b) On or before November 1, 2020, the Department of Mental Health shall report to the Health Reform Oversight Committee and the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee on its plans for implementing the expansion of regional models of mental health outreach to statewide scale.