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AN ACT

APPROPRIATING MONIES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Appropriation; department of health services;
3 mental health services for minors; intent;
4 rulemaking; exemptions

5 A. The sum of \$_____ is appropriated from the state general fund
6 in fiscal year 2023-2024 to the department of health services for mental
7 health services for minors. The department shall distribute the monies to
8 mental health care providers who provide mental health treatment to
9 persons under eighteen years of age in this state, regardless of whether
10 the person is insured or uninsured, to help defray the costs of the
11 person's mental health treatment needs that would otherwise go unmet.

12 B. The department of health services shall adopt rules to carry out
13 this act. Notwithstanding any other law, for the purposes of this act,
14 the department is exempt from the rulemaking requirements of title 41,
15 chapter 6, Arizona Revised Statutes, for one year after the effective date
16 of this act.

17 C. The legislature intends that the appropriation made in
18 subsection A of this section be considered ongoing funding in future
19 years.

20 D. The appropriation made in subsection A of this section is exempt
21 from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating
22 to lapsing of appropriations.