

HOUSE BILL NO. 832

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROVIDER TRAINING GRANT PROGRAM FOR POSTTRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER THERAPIES; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Provider training grant program for posttraumatic stress disorder therapies -- reporting. (1) There is a posttraumatic stress disorder provider training grant program administered by the department of labor and industry. The purpose of the grant program is to fund training opportunities for health care providers in nonmedication therapy to treat posttraumatic stress disorder.

(2) The department shall award a grant to an entity to develop and operate a 2-year project. The grantee:

(a) must be selected through a competitive process established by the department;

(b) shall undertake community and stakeholder engagement for the planning process prior to the implementation of training;

(c) provide training to mental health professionals as defined in 37-39-102 in nonmedication therapy to treat posttraumatic stress disorder; and

(d) provide reporting on project outcomes as required by the department on a quarterly basis, which must include:

(i) the number of mental health professionals trained; and

(ii) the cost for each mental health professional trained.

(3) The department shall provide a report to the economic affairs interim committee by July 1 of each year until project completion.

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Appropriation. (1) There is appropriated \$600,000 from the state

1 general fund to the department of labor and industry for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, for the purposes
2 described in [section 1].

3 (2) The legislature intends that this is a one-time-only appropriation.

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5 NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2025.

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