CHAPTER 249

HOUSE BILL 2594

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 36, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING CHAPTER 40; RELATING TO HEALTH CARE.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)
Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

Section 1. Title 36, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended by adding chapter 40, to read:

CHAPTER 40
TRAUMA RECOVERY CENTERS

ARTICLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

36-4001. Definitions
IN THIS ARTICLE, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:
1. "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES.
2. "DIRECTOR" MEANS THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT.
3. "TRAUMA RECOVERY CENTER" MEANS A TREATMENT CENTER THAT PROVIDES AT LEAST THE FOLLOWING RESOURCES, TREATMENTS AND RECOVERY SERVICES TO CRIME VICTIMS:
   (a) MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.
   (b) ASSERTIVE COMMUNITY-BASED OUTREACH AND CLINICAL CASE MANAGEMENT.
   (c) COORDINATION OF CARE AMONG MEDICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS, LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND OTHER SOCIAL SERVICES.
   (d) SERVICES TO FAMILY MEMBERS OF HOMICIDE VICTIMS.
   (e) A MULTIDISCIPLINARY STAFF OF CLINICIANS THAT INCLUDES PSYCHIATRISTS, PSYCHOLOGISTS AND SOCIAL WORKERS AND MAY INCLUDE CASE MANAGERS AND PEER COUNSELORS.

36-4002. Trauma recovery center fund; exemption; grants
A. THE TRAUMA RECOVERY CENTER FUND IS ESTABLISHED CONSISTING OF LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS, GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS. THE DIRECTOR SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND FOR THE PURPOSES PRESCRIBED IN THIS ARTICLE. MONIES IN THE FUND ARE SUBJECT TO LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION AND ARE EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 35-190 RELATING TO LAPSING OF APPROPRIATIONS.
B. THE DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH A NATIONAL ALLIANCE THAT SUPPORTS TRAUMA RECOVERY CENTERS, SHALL ESTABLISH PRIORITIES FOR THE FUND. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SPEND MONIES IN THE FUND TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO TRAUMA RECOVERY CENTERS.
C. TO BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A GRANT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, A TRAUMA RECOVERY CENTER MUST ADHERE TO THE GUIDELINES FOR OPERATING AND IMPLEMENTING TRAUMA RECOVERY CENTERS DEVELOPED BY A NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF TRAUMA RECOVERY CENTERS.

36-4003. Annual report
ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE THAT INCLUDES INFORMATION FROM EACH TRAUMA RECOVERY CENTER THAT RECEIVES GRANT MONIES PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE ON THE POPULATION SERVED. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE A COPY OF THE REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE.
Sec. 2. Legislative findings
The Legislature finds and declares that:

1. Without treatment, approximately fifty percent of people who survive a traumatic, violent injury experience lasting or extended psychological or social difficulties. Untreated psychological trauma often has severe economic consequences, including overuse of costly medical services, loss of income, failure to return to gainful employment, loss of medical insurance and loss of stable housing.

2. Victims of crime should receive timely and effective mental health treatment.

3. The evidence-informed Integrated Trauma Recovery Services model, used nationally by the Trauma Recovery Center model, first piloted at San Francisco General Hospital, is recognized as a reliable, cost-effective and proven model for the delivery and provision of services to trauma victims and survivors of violent crime.

4. The State of Arizona is committed to providing for the welfare of crime victims.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR MAY 20, 2022.