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Consortium on Collective Impact for Student and Family Well-Being - Renaming and Revisions

FOR the purpose of altering the duties of a behavioral health services coordinator; renaming the Maryland Consortium on Coordinated Community Supports to be the Consortium on Collective Impact for Student and Family Well-Being; requiring the Consortium, rather than the State Department of Education, to dedicate staff to coordinate with behavioral health services coordinators and local education agency staff; requiring the Department of Human Services to designate an employee to be the primary contact for school behavioral health services for a certain purpose; requiring the Consortium to work with certain entities to establish certain goals and processes; requiring the Governor's Office for Children rather than Maryland Community Health Resources Commission to provide staff for the Consortium; specifying staffing requirements for the Consortium; providing for the duties of certain staff; altering the membership of the Consortium; requiring the Consortium to seek technical assistance from certain experts; altering the Consortium's duties to focus on student and family well-being; renaming a coordinated community supports partnership to be a collective impact for student and family well-being partnership; altering the manner in which a partnership is required to provide certain services to students; requiring each partnership to provide technical assistance to the Consortium and its staff; altering certain accountability metrics for determining the effectiveness of partnerships; renaming the Coordinated Community Supports Partnership Fund to be the Collective Impact for Student and Family Well-Being Partnership Fund; requiring the Fund to be used to fund certain partnerships in certain years; altering the dates for certain mandatory appropriations to be included in the annual budget bill for the Fund; altering certain definitions; repealing certain definitions; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Consortium on Collective Impact for Student and Family Well-Being and family well-being services for students and their families.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 2 3 4 5 6	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Education Section 7–446.1 and 7–446.2 Annotated Code of Maryland (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement) (As enacted by Chapter 36 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2021)					
7 8 9 10 11 12	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – State Finance and Procurement Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)129. Annotated Code of Maryland (2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement) (As enacted by Chapter 20 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2020 and Chapters 4, 8, 25, 28, 33, and 36 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2021)					
4	Preamble					
15 16	WHEREAS, Solutions for student well-being cannot be implemented, absent attention paid to the students' families and communities;					
17 18	WHEREAS, Families hold untapped answers for student well-being, and communities contain solutions;					
19 20 21	WHEREAS, The potential of families and communities cannot be unlocked without the steady hand of a lead agency, working with families and communities to effectuate better student and family well-being; and					
22 23	WHEREAS, Trauma and poverty should not be used to further pathologize students or families; now, therefore,					
24 25	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:					
26	Article - Education					
27	7-446.1.					
28	(a) (1) In this section [the following words have the meanings indicated.					
29 30 31	(2) "Behavioral], "BEHAVIORAL health services" means trauma—informed prevention, intervention, and treatment services for the social—emotional, psychological, and behavioral health of students, including mental health and substance use disorders.					
32 33 34	(2) "BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES" INCLUDES COMPREHENSIVE AND WELL-BEING ORIENTED PREVENTION, INTERVENTION, AND TREATMENT SERVICES FOR THE SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH OF					

1 STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

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- 2 [(3) "Coordinated community supports partnership" has the meaning stated 3 in § 7–446.2 of this subtitle.]
- 4 (b) Each local school system shall appoint a behavioral health services 5 coordinator.
- 6 (c) In addition to the requirements under Subtitle 15 of this title, each behavioral 7 health services coordinator shall:
- 8 (1) COMMUNICATE ONGOING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES NEEDS 9 TO THE CONSORTIUM ON COLLECTIVE IMPACT FOR STUDENT AND FAMILY 10 WELL-BEING;
- 12 **(2)** Coordinate existing behavioral health services and referral procedures 12 for behavioral health services within the local school system, including through a 13 [coordinated community supports] partnership;
- [(2)] (3) Working in collaboration with the local health department[,]
 AND the local department of social services, [and] AS WELL AS WITH other local entities
 that provide behavioral health services, including a [community supports] partnership,
 ensure that a student who is referred for behavioral health services obtains the necessary
 services in a timely manner;
- 19 **[**(3)**] (4)** Maximize external funding for behavioral health and 20 wraparound services;
- 21 [(4)] (5) Have at a minimum a master's degree and [behavioral health 22 training] experience in schools;
- 23 **[**(5)**] (6)** Provide the required behavioral health training under § 6–122 of 24 this article; **[**and**]**
- 25 **[**(6)**] (7)** Develop and implement a standardized screening to identify students with behavioral health services needs using an evidence–based measurement approach;
- 28 (8) DEVELOP PROACTIVE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES
 29 INTERVENTIONS FOR STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES TO MITIGATE RELIANCE ON
 30 ACUTE CARE RESPONSES TO STUDENT ISSUES, WITH AN EMPHASIS ON MITIGATING
 31 FAMILIAL STRESSORS AND LOCAL SOLUTIONS; AND
 - (9) PROVIDE INTENTIONAL CARE TO DESTIGMATIZE POVERTY.

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The [Department] CONSORTIUM ON COLLECTIVE IMPACT FOR 1 (d) (1) 2 STUDENT AND FAMILY WELL-BEING shall dedicate staff to coordinate with behavioral 3 health services coordinators and staff in local education agencies. 4 (2) The Department shall designate an employee to be the primary contact 5 for school behavioral health services to work with school-based behavioral health providers 6 and to assist in expanding services through [coordinated community supports] 7 partnerships. 8 The Maryland Department of Health AND THE DEPARTMENT OF 9 HUMAN SERVICES EACH shall designate an employee to be the primary contact for school 10 behavioral health services to work with school-based behavioral health providers and to assist in expanding services through [coordinated community supports] partnerships. 11 12 The Consortium on Collective Impact for Student and (4) FAMILY WELL-BEING staff [in the Department will be responsible for close collaboration 13 14 with other youth-serving agencies, the Maryland Consortium of Coordinated Community Supports, and SHALL WORK WITH the Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center to 15 16 establish: 17 (i) Shared goals; 18 Processes to collect and share data; and (ii) 19 Ways to leverage and blend funding to support behavioral health (iii) 20 in schools and community-based settings. 21 7-446.2.22(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated. 23 "Behavioral health services" has the meaning stated in § 7–446.1 of this (2) subtitle. 24"Commission" means the Maryland Community Health Resources 25 (3)26 Commission. 27 "Consortium" means the Maryland Consortium on Coordinated (4) 28 Community Supports established under subsection (b) of this section. 29 ["Coordinated community supports"] "COLLECTIVE IMPACT [(5)] **(3)** FOR STUDENT AND FAMILY WELL-BEING" means a holistic, nonstigmatized, and 30 coordinated approach, including among the following persons, to meeting [students'] 31 behavioral health needs FOR STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES, addressing related 32

challenges, and providing community services and supports to the students AND THEIR

$\frac{1}{2}$	personnel;	(i)	Teachers, school leadership, and student instructional support		
3		(ii)	Local school systems;		
4		(iii)	Local community schools;		
5 6	subtitle;	(iv)	Behavioral health coordinators appointed under § 7–446.1 of this		
7		(v)	Local health departments;		
8		(vi)	Nonprofit hospitals;		
9		(vii)	Other youth-serving governmental entities;		
10		(viii)	Other local youth-serving community entities;		
11		(ix)	Community behavioral health providers;		
12		(x)	Telemedicine providers;		
13		(xi)	Federally qualified health centers; and		
14		(xii)	Students, parents, and guardians.		
15 16 17	(4) IMPACT FOR S SUBSECTION (B)	STUDE	SORTIUM" MEANS THE CONSORTIUM ON COLLECTIVE AND FAMILY WELL-BEING ESTABLISHED UNDER IS SECTION.		
18 19	[(6) "Coordinated community supports partnership" means an entity formed to deliver coordinated community supports.				
20 21	(7) "National Center for School Mental Health" means the National Center for School Mental Health at the University of Maryland, Baltimore Campus.]				
22	(5)	"OFF	FICE" MEANS THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FOR CHILDREN.		
23 24	(6) AND FAMILY WEI		RTNERSHIP" MEANS A COLLECTIVE IMPACT FOR STUDENT NG PARTNERSHIP.		
25 26	(7) COMPREHENSIVI		DENT AND FAMILY WELL-BEING SERVICES" MEANS WELL-BEING ORIENTED PREVENTION, INTERVENTION, AND		

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1 2 3	(b) (1) There is a [Maryland] Consortium on [Coordinated Community Supports] COLLECTIVE IMPACT FOR STUDENT AND FAMILY WELL-BEING in the [Commission] OFFICE.
4	(2) The [Commission] OFFICE shall provide staff to the Consortium.
5 6 7	(3) (I) [Two additional staff] FIVE REGIONAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANTS AND ONE DIRECTOR shall be added AS STAFF to the [Commission] OFFICE to staff the Consortium.
8 9	(II) THE DIRECTOR SHALL OVERSEE THE FIVE REGIONAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANTS.
10 11	(III) EACH REGIONAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANT SHALL OVERSEE THE PARTNERSHIPS IN A GEOGRAPHICALLY DISTINCT REGION IN THE STATE.
12 13	(IV) THE FOCUS OF THESE PERSONNEL WILL BE TO LEARN TOGETHER WITH THE LEAD AGENCY OF A PARTNERSHIP.
14	(c) The purposes of the Consortium are to:
15 16 17	(1) Support the development of [coordinated community supports] partnerships to meet student [behavioral health] AND FAMILY WELL-BEING needs and other related challenges in a holistic, nonstigmatized, and coordinated manner;
18 19 20	(2) Provide expertise for the development of best practices in the delivery of student [behavioral health] AND FAMILY WELL-BEING services, supports, and wraparound services; and
21 22 23	(3) Provide technical assistance to local school systems to support positive classroom environments and the closing of achievement gaps so that all students can succeed.
24	(d) The Consortium consists of the following members:
25	(1) The Secretary of Health, or the Secretary's designee;
26	(2) The Secretary of Human Services, or the Secretary's designee;
27	(3) The Secretary of Juvenile Services, or the Secretary's designee;
28 29	(4) The State Superintendent of Schools, or the State Superintendent's designee;

1 2	(5) GOVERNOR'S OF		[Chair of the Commission, or the Chair's] DIRECTOR OF THE FOR CHILDREN, OR THE DIRECTOR'S designee;
3 4	(6) Education, or the l		Director of Community Schools in the State Department of or's designee;
5 6	(7) Health Centers, ap		member of the Maryland Council on Advancement of School–Based ed by the Chair of the Council;
7 8	(8) Superintendents A		county superintendent of schools, designated by the Public School tion of Maryland;
9	(9) Maryland Associat		member of a county board of education, designated by the Boards of Education;
$\frac{1}{2}$	(10) State Education A		teacher who is teaching in the State, designated by the Maryland tion;
13 14	(11) Maryland Chapter		social worker practicing at a school in the State, designated by the National Association of Social Workers;
15 16	(12) Maryland School H	-	psychologist practicing in a school in the State, designated by the logists Association;
17 18	(13) Hospital Association		representative of nonprofit hospitals, designated by the Maryland
9	(14)	The f	following members appointed by the Governor:
20 21	community with e	(i) xpertis	One representative of the community behavioral health se in telehealth;
22		(ii)	One representative of local departments of social services; and
23		(iii)	One representative of local departments of health; and
24 25	(15) and the Speaker of		ollowing members appointed jointly by the President of the Senate louse:
26 27	environment;	(i)	One individual with expertise in creating a positive classroom
28		(ii)	One individual with expertise in equity in education; and
29 30	Senate.	(iii)	Two members of the public, appointed by the President of the

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- 1 The members of the Consortium shall select a chair from among the (e) (1) 2 members. 3 The National Center for School Mental Health shall provide (2) technical assistance] THE CONSORTIUM SHALL SEEK TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM 4 NATIONALLY RENOWNED EXPERTS IN HOLISTIC APPROACHES TO BEHAVIORAL 5 HEALTH AND STUDENT AND FAMILY WELL-BEING TO ENSURE THAT COLLECTIVE 6 7 STUDENT AND FAMILY WELL-BEING SERVICES AND SUPPORTS ARE DELIVERED IN A 8 HOLISTIC MANNER. 9 (ii) The assistance provided under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph may include the creation of partnership coordinators to support the work of local 10 behavioral health services coordinators appointed under § 7–446.1 of this subtitle. 11 12 (f) A member of the Consortium: 13 (1) May not receive compensation as a member of the Consortium; but 14 Is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State (2)15 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget. 16 The Consortium may use subcommittees, including subcommittees that (g) 17 include nonmember experts, as necessary, to meet the requirements of this section. 18 (h) The Consortium shall: 19 Develop THE FOUNDATION FOR a statewide framework for the 20 creation of [coordinated community supports] partnerships THAT: 21CREATE A STATE-LEVEL VISION THAT FOCUSES ON THE **(I)** 22WELL-BEING OF THE FAMILY, ACROSS SOCIAL SERVICE INSTITUTIONS, AS THE KEY 23 STRATEGY FOR STUDENT SUCCESS: 24(II)HAS A ROLE FOR LOCAL FEEDBACK; AND (III) PRIORITIZES CONTINUOUS REVISION; 25 26Ensure that [community supports] partnerships are structured in a 27 manner that provides community services and supports in a holistic and nonstigmatized 28 manner that meets [behavioral health] STUDENT AND FAMILY WELL-BEING and other 29 wraparound needs of students AND THEIR FAMILIES and is coordinated with any other 30 youth-serving government agencies interacting with [the] students AND THEIR
 - (3) Develop a model for expanding available [behavioral health] STUDENT

1 AND FAMILY WELL-BEING services and supports to all students in each local school 2 system through: 3 The maximization of public funding through the Maryland (i) Medical Assistance Program, including billing for Program administrative costs, or other 4 public sources: 5 6 (ii) Commercial insurance participation; 7 (iii) The implementation of a sliding scale for services based on family 8 income; and 9 (iv) The participation of nonprofit hospitals through community 10 benefit requirements; 11 Develop and implement a grant program to award grants to **(4)** 12 [coordinated community supports] partnerships with funding necessary to deliver services 13 and supports to meet the holistic behavioral health needs and other related challenges 14 facing the students AND THEIR FAMILIES proposed to be served by the [coordinated 15 community supports partnership and that sets reasonable administrative costs for the 16 [coordinated community supports] partnership; 17 Evaluate how a reimbursement system could be developed through the Maryland Department of Health or a private contractor to reimburse providers 18 participating in a [coordinated community supports] partnership and providing services 19 20 and supports to students who are uninsured and for the difference in commercial insurance 21 payments and Maryland Medical Assistance Program fee-for-service payments; 22 (6)In consultation with the Department, develop best practices for the 23 implementation of and related to the creation of a positive classroom environment for all 24students using evidence-based methods that recognize the disproportionality of classroom 25 management referrals, including by: 26 Creating a list of programs and classroom management practices (i) 27 that are evidence—based best practices to address student [behavioral health] AND FAMILY 28 WELL-BEING issues in a classroom environment; 29 Evaluating relevant regulations and making recommendations for any necessary clarifications, as well as developing a plan to provide technical assistance 30 31 in the implementation of the regulations by local school systems to create a positive 32classroom environment; [and]

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(IV) Developing a mechanism to ensure that all local school systems

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implement relevant regulations in a consistent manner; and 1 2 Develop a geographically diverse plan that uses both school-based (7)3 [behavioral health] STUDENT AND FAMILY WELL-BEING services and [coordinated 4 community supports partnerships to ensure that each student in each local school system, AS WELL AS THE STUDENT'S FAMILY, has access to services and supports that meet the 5 6 [student's behavioral health] STUDENT AND FAMILY WELL-BEING needs OF THE STUDENT AND THE STUDENT'S FAMILY and related challenges within [a 1-hour drive] 7 CLOSE PROXIMITY of a student's residence. 8 9 **(1)** (i) EACH PARTNERSHIP SHALL BE HEADED BY A LEAD AGENCY THAT 10 IS A COMMUNITY UMBRELLA AGENCY. 11 **(2)** A [coordinated community supports] partnership shall provide 12 systemic services to students in a manner that is: 13 [(1)] (I) Community-based; Family-driven and youth-guided; and 14 [(2)] (II) 15 [(3)] (III) Culturally competent and that provides access to high-quality, 16 acceptable services for culturally diverse populations. 17 **(3)** EACH PARTNERSHIP SHALL PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE CONSORTIUM AND ITS STAFF. 18 19 The Consortium, in consultation with the National Center on School (i) (1)20 Mental Health, shall develop accountability metrics that may be used to demonstrate 21whether the services and supports provided through a [coordinated community supports] 22partnership that receives a grant from the Consortium are positively impacting the 23students AND FAMILIES served by the [coordinated community supports] partnership, [their families, and the community,] including metrics that would measure: 2425 Whether there have been any: (i) 26 [Increase] **INCREASES** in services provided; 1. 27 2. Reductions in absenteeism; 28 3. Repeat referrals to the [coordinated community supports] 29partnership;

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1	5. REDUCTIONS IN STUDENT DISCIPLINE REFERRALS;
2	6. Improvements in the well-being of students;
3 4	7. IMPROVEMENTS IN THE SATISFACTION OF FAMILIES WITH ACCESS TO SERVICES;
5 6 7	8. Increases in collaboration between various entities serving students and their families and reductions in duplicative efforts; and
8	[5.] 9. [Increase] INCREASES in funding through federal, local, and private sources; and
10 11 12	(ii) Any other identifiable data sets that would demonstrate whether a [coordinated community supports] partnership is successfully meeting the behavioral health needs of students.
13 14 15 16	(2) The development of the metrics under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be coordinated with the Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center and the Accountability and Implementation Board, established under § 5–402 of this article, to ensure consistency with other data collection efforts.
17 18 19 20	(k) Beginning in fiscal year 2025 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Consortium shall use the accountability metrics developed under subsection (j) of this section to develop best practices to be used by a [coordinated community supports] partnership in the delivery of supports and services and the maximization of federal, local, and private funding.
21 22 23 24 25	(l) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a nonprofit hospital that receives funding for coordinating or participating in a [coordinated community supports] partnership may include the value of services provided through the [coordinated community supports] partnership towards meeting community benefit requirements under § 19–303 of the Health – General Article.
26 27 28	(m) (1) In this subsection, "Fund" means the [Coordinated Community Supports] COLLECTIVE IMPACT FOR STUDENT AND FAMILY WELL-BEING Partnership Fund.
29 30	(2) There is a [Coordinated Community Supports] COLLECTIVE IMPACT FOR STUDENT AND FAMILY WELL-BEING Partnership Fund.
31 32 33	(3) The purpose of the Fund is to support the delivery of services and supports provided to students to meet their holistic behavioral health needs and address other related challenges.

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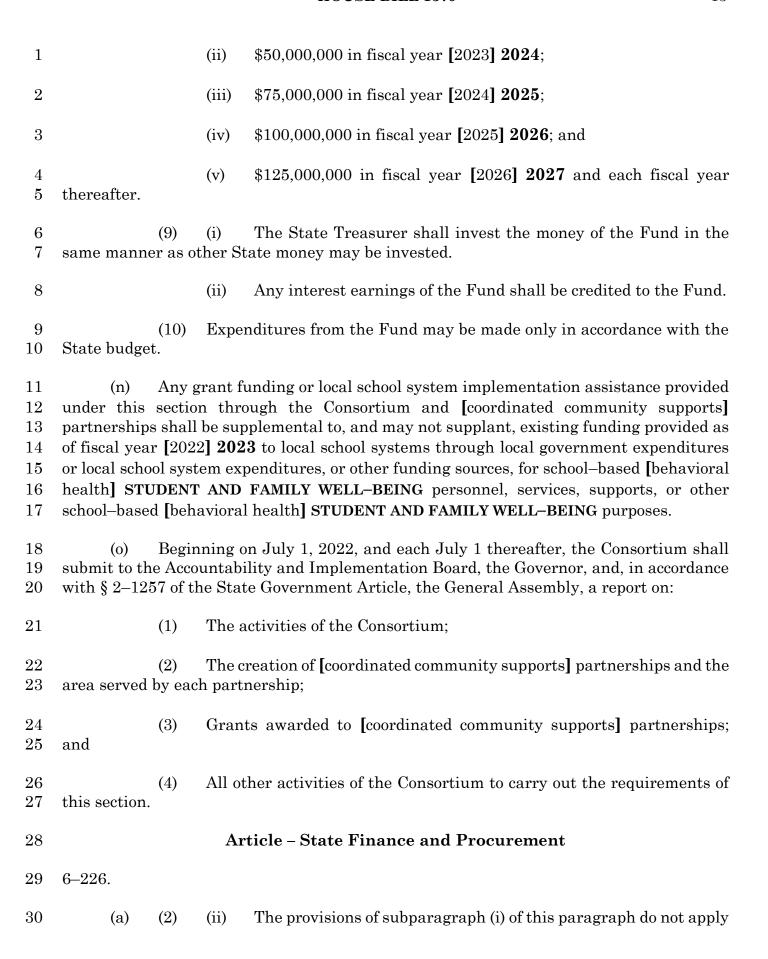
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appropriations for the Fund:

- 1 **(4)** The Department shall administer the Fund. 2 The Fund is a special, nonlapsing fund that is not subject to § (5)(i) 3 7–302 of the State Finance and Procurement Article. 4 (ii) The State Treasurer shall hold the Fund separately, and the Comptroller shall account for the Fund. 5 6 (6) The Fund consists of: 7 (i) Money appropriated in the State budget to the Fund; 8 Interest earnings; and (ii) 9 Any other money from any other source accepted for the benefit (iii) of the Fund. 10 [The] SUBJECT (II) 11 (7)**(I)** TO **SUBPARAGRAPH** OF **THIS** 12 PARAGRAPH, THE Fund may be used only by the Consortium for: 13 (i)1. Providing reimbursement, under a memorandum of 14 understanding, to [the National Center for School Mental Health and other] ANY technical assistance providers [to] THAT support the work of the Consortium; 15 16 Providing grants to [coordinated community supports] [(ii)] **2.** 17 partnerships to deliver services and supports to meet [students'] THE holistic [behavioral 18 health] STUDENT AND FAMILY WELL-BEING needs OF STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES and to address other related challenges; and 19 20 [(iii)] **3.** Paying any associated administrative costs. THE INITIAL 4 YEARS OF FUND EXPENDITURES SHALL 21(II)1. 22 BE USED TO FUND PARTNERSHIPS IN MOTIVATED COMMUNITIES WITH EXISTING CAPACITY TO MEET THE WELL-BEING NEEDS OF STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES. 23 2. 24AFTER THE CONSORTIUM HAS ESTABLISHED A 25 DEMONSTRATED CAPACITY AND PROCESS FOR FUNDING THE PARTNERSHIPS 26 DESCRIBED UNDER SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 1 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, THE FUND MAY 27 BE USED TO FUND OTHER PARTNERSHIPS, USING THE DEMONSTRATED INITIAL 28 SUCCESSES AS A MODEL.
 - (i) \$25,000,000 in fiscal year [2022] **2023**;

The Governor shall include in the annual budget bill the following



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- 1 to the following funds:
- 2 129. the [Coordinated Community Supports] COLLECTIVE
- 3 IMPACT FOR STUDENT AND FAMILY WELL-BEING Partnership Fund.
- 4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
- 5 1, 2021.