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His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to New Hampshire RSA 21-I:54, authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Division for Behavioral Health, Bureau of Children's Behavioral Health, to **retroactively** continue three full-time temporary Program Specialist IVs, Positions 8T2962, 8T2963 and 8T2964, Salary Grade 25 effective February 14, 2021 upon Governor and Executive Council approval through June 30, 2021. 100% General Funds.

Funding is available in account Children's Behavioral Health as follows:

		FY 2021
05-95-92-921010-2052-050-500109	Part Time Salaries	$61,908
05-95-92-921010-2052-060-500601	Benefits	$39,073

EXPLANATION

This request is **retroactive** because of a change of financial management staffing of the bureau between the time when the positions were created and when they expired. This staffing shift allowed for the expiration date of the positions to be overlooked. However, these positions are currently included as conversions in the SFY 2022-2023 budget submission, therefore, once they expire at the end of this fiscal year, the positions included in the budget should be available for use.

The Program Specialist IV positions were created pursuant to RSA 21-I:54 and assigned to the Division for Behavioral Health, Bureau of Children's Behavioral Health. These positions were established in order for the Bureau to comply with and uphold the requirements of Senate Bill 14 (Chapter 44, Laws of 2019). The Bureau of Children's Behavioral Health wishes to continue these full-time temporary positions until the budget is passed and the positions are converted to full-time permanent positions.

Respectfully submitted,

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