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A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to St. Clair County; to amend Section 1 of Act 2020-190, 2020 Regular Session, to provide for the nomination and appointment of additional members to the St. Clair County Mental Health Advisory Board.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 1 of Act 2020-190, 2020 Regular Session, is amended to read as follows:

"Section 1. (a) In addition to any filing or recording fee currently assessed, the Probate Office of St. Clair County shall charge an additional fee of six dollars ~~and~~ fifty cents (\$6.50) for each matter filed or recorded in the ~~Probate Office of St. Clair County~~ probate office. ~~After the first year of the operation of this act~~ August 1, 2021, the St. Clair County Mental Health Advisory Board may increase or lower the fee; provided, the fee may not exceed eight dollars ~~and~~ fifty cents (\$8.50).

(b) There is established the St. Clair County Mental Health Advisory Board, which shall have ~~three~~ five members as follows:

(1) The Chair of the St. Clair County Commission, or



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29 his or her designee.

30 (2) The Sheriff of St. Clair County.

31 (3) The St. Clair County Judge of Probate.

32 (4) Two at-large members, who shall reside in St. Clair
33 County and shall be nominated by the sitting members of the
34 advisory board and appointed by the St. Clair County
35 Commission.

36 (c) By the twentieth of each month following the
37 collection of the fee, the proceeds of the fee shall be
38 disbursed by the judge of probate to the ~~St. Clair County~~
39 ~~Commission~~ county commission. The fees collected under this
40 section shall be expensed as the ~~St. Clair County Mental~~
41 ~~Health Advisory Board~~ advisory board directs and shall be
42 expended for crisis intervention services, which may include,
43 but are expressly not limited to, any of the following:

44 (1) A mental health officer, who shall be an employee
45 of the ~~Sheriff of St. Clair County~~ sheriff and appointed by
46 the ~~St. Clair County Mental Health Advisory Board~~ advisory
47 board to serve at the advisory board's pleasure and under the
48 day to day direction of the judge of probate ~~of St. Clair~~
49 ~~County~~. The duties, education, qualifications, training, and
50 experience requirements of the position shall be set by the
51 advisory board. All necessary equipment, supplies, and
52 training, including an appropriately equipped vehicle, shall
53 also be provided as determined by the advisory board. The
54 advisory board may appoint assistant mental health officers
55 and support staff as the advisory board may deem necessary.
56 The assistant mental health officers and support staff shall



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57 be employees of St. Clair County. The advisory board shall set
58 the salary or compensation for the mental health officer and
59 assistant mental health officers, if any. The advisory board
60 may also set performance standards and take personnel actions
61 as may be necessary, up to and including termination of the
62 mental health officer duties and responsibilities associated
63 therewith.

64 (2) Admissions at a certified psychiatric inpatient
65 unit, which shall be directed or approved by the judge of
66 probate, the mental health officer, or an assistant mental
67 health officer and shall be based upon available funds as
68 determined by the ~~St. Clair County Mental Health Advisory~~
69 ~~Board~~ advisory board.

70 (3) Crisis intervention, which shall be provided
71 through programs of the advisory board or otherwise, shall
72 include, but not be limited to, salaries, equipment, and other
73 expenses related to mental health related services and
74 treatment.

75 (4) Contracting with other entities for services that
76 would otherwise be provided by the mental health officer or
77 assistant mental health officers. The ~~St. Clair County Mental~~
78 ~~Health Advisory Board~~ advisory board may purchase other
79 necessary services or pay necessary expenses, including, but
80 not limited to, the obtaining of liability insurance for the
81 advisory board, its members, and its employees, if any."

82 Section 2. This act shall become effective immediately
83 following its passage and approval by the Governor, or its
84 otherwise becoming law.