

## **Joint Committee on Health Care Financing 2025-2026 (194th) Bill Summary**

<b><u>Bill Number:</u></b>	House, No. 1418
<b><u>Title:</u></b>	AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE AFRICAN DIASPORA MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION'S STATE-OF-THE-ART CLINIC
<b><u>Sponsor:</u></b>	Representative Bud L. Williams (Springfield)
<b><u>Hearing Date:</u></b>	June 18, 2025
<b><u>Reporting Deadline:</u></b>	August 17, 2025
<b><u>Prior History:</u></b>	New Bill
<b><u>Similar Matters:</u></b>	N/A
<b><u>Current Law:</u></b>	N/A

### **Summary:**

This legislation authorizes a one-time appropriation of \$1,500,000 from the General Fund to the African Diaspora Mental Health Association (ADMHA), the sole minority-owned mental health clinic serving Western Massachusetts and its surrounding areas. The legislation supports the completion of a state-of-the-art treatment facility in Springfield and the expansion of programmatic offerings. Authorized uses of the funds include infrastructure development, telehealth integration, opioid recovery and violence prevention programs, staff training, community outreach, and workforce development initiatives. The bill further identifies expected community benefits such as improved behavioral health outcomes, reduced opioid-related mortality, decreased gang and gun violence, and increased local employment. ADMHA is mandated to submit a comprehensive report to the Department of Mental Health and the General Court within one year detailing fund utilization, program implementation, and measurable impacts