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HOUSE BILL 484

**47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2006**

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FOR THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR NURSING  
LEADERSHIP AND NURSE RETENTION PROGRAMS IN NEW MEXICO.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. APPROPRIATION.--

A. Six hundred twenty-five thousand dollars  
(\$625,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the  
department of health for expenditure in fiscal year 2007 as  
follows:

(1) one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars  
(\$125,000) to contract with a statewide organization  
representing hospitals and health systems to develop an on-line  
reporting system of demographic information and quality  
measures and to develop guidelines for nurse staffing ratios;  
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(2) five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000)  
to contract with a statewide nonprofit organization to expand  
the nursing workforce in New Mexico, to continue development of  
a clinical teaching institute and to enhance and support  
clinical education, professional development and retention of  
nurses.

B. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining  
at the end of fiscal year 2007 shall revert to the general  
fund.