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SENATE BILL 400

51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013

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AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO EXPAND A
SUCCESSFUL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL WORK FORCE PROGRAM IN RURAL AND
UNDERSERVED AREAS OF THE STATE.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.--

A. One hundred sixty-five thousand dollars
(\$165,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
department of health for expenditure in fiscal year 2014 to
expand a successful health professional work force program
developed in southwestern New Mexico. The program shall:

(1) encourage secondary students raised in
rural communities to enter health professions;

(2) follow rural students through graduate
health professional education;

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1 (3) provide interprofessional rural training
2 experiences for students and medical residents; and

3 (4) improve recruitment and retention of
4 primary care providers in medically underserved areas of New
5 Mexico.

6 B. All funds appropriated pursuant to this section
7 shall be provided to an existing department-of-health-
8 contracted health professional work force program in
9 southwestern New Mexico. No less than seventy-five percent of
10 the funds provided shall be used to subcontract with no fewer
11 than two public or private community-based organizations to
12 operate the program described in Subsection A of this section.

13 C. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining
14 at the end of fiscal year 2014 shall revert to the general
15 fund.