

HOUSE BILL 246

52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2016

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AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO PROVIDE INTERVENTIONS FOR NONVIOLENT OFFENDERS WHO HAVE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIAGNOSES IN WAYS LIKELY TO REDUCE RECIDIVISM, DETENTION AND INCARCERATION.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.--Two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the behavioral health services division of the human services department for expenditure in fiscal year 2017 to provide targeted, individualized interventions for nonviolent adult and juvenile offenders who have behavioral health diagnoses. The interventions shall connect that population to resources and services that reduce the likelihood of recidivism, detention and incarceration, such as supportive housing, public assistance, medical assistance, behavioral health therapy and

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1 employment training. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance
2 remaining at the end of fiscal year 2017 shall revert to the
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