

1 HOUSE BILL 247

2 **54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2020**

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10 AN ACT

11 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONDUCT
12 A STUDY OF OPERATIONAL STREAMLINING OF DEVELOPMENTAL
13 DISABILITIES PROGRAMS AND TO ENSURE THAT AVAILABLE FUNDS ARE
14 PRIORITIZED TOWARD REDUCING THE WAITING LISTS FOR WAIVERS AND
15 DIRECT CARE STAFF WAGES.
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

18 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.--Two hundred fifty thousand
19 dollars (\$250,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
20 department of health for expenditure in fiscal year 2021 to
21 conduct a study of operational streamlining of developmental
22 disabilities programs and to ensure that available funds are
23 prioritized toward reducing the waiting lists for waivers and
24 direct care staff wages. Any unexpended or unencumbered
25 balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2021 shall revert

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