

1 SENATE BILL 33

2 **55TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2022**

3 INTRODUCED BY

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8 FOR THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

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10 AN ACT

11 MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE  
12 OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF INSURANCE TO STUDY THE ENACTMENT  
13 AND IMPACT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PARITY LEGISLATION; DECLARING  
14 AN EMERGENCY.

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

17 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.--One hundred fifty thousand  
18 dollars (\$150,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the  
19 human services department for expenditure in fiscal years 2022  
20 and 2023 to allow the medical assistance division to study, in  
21 consultation with the appropriate stakeholders, the enactment  
22 of behavioral health parity legislation congruent with federal  
23 law and its impact on the availability of services provided by  
24 medicaid providers, managed care organizations and their  
25 subcontractors and rates of compensation paid to behavioral

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1 health providers. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance  
2 remaining at the end of fiscal year 2023 shall revert to the  
3 general fund.

4 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.--One hundred fifty thousand  
5 dollars (\$150,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the  
6 office of superintendent of insurance for expenditure in fiscal  
7 years 2022 and 2023 to study, in consultation with the  
8 appropriate stakeholders, the enactment of behavioral health  
9 parity legislation congruent with federal law and its impact on  
10 the availability of services covered by entities it regulates  
11 and rates of compensation paid to behavioral health providers.  
12 Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of  
13 fiscal year 2023 shall revert to the general fund.

14 SECTION 3. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public  
15 peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.