

1 SENATE BILL 58

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

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8 FOR THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

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10 AN ACT

11 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO
12 INCREASE THE NUMBER OF SCHOOL NURSES.

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

15 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.--

16 A. One million dollars (\$1,000,000) is appropriated
17 from the general fund to the public education department for
18 expenditure in fiscal year 2023 to increase the number of
19 school nurses. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance
20 remaining at the end of fiscal year 2023 shall revert to the
21 general fund.

22 B. As used in this section, "school nurse" means a
23 person who:

24 (1) is a nurse authorized pursuant to the
25 Nursing Practice Act to practice as a professional registered

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1 nurse;

2 (2) is licensed by the public education
3 department and the board of nursing as a school nurse; and

4 (3) provides services as a school nurse at a
5 school.

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