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SENATE BILL

**56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2024**

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO PUBLIC POST-SECONDARY EDUCATIONAL  
INSTITUTIONS FOR MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVES STATEWIDE.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS.--

A. The following amounts are appropriated from the  
general fund to the higher education department for expenditure  
in fiscal year 2025 for the following purposes:

(1) one million nine hundred ninety-two  
thousand dollars (\$1,992,000) to have twenty-four social worker  
supervisors located at all public post-secondary educational  
institutions statewide, at the largest community colleges and  
at Native American post-secondary educational institutions;

(2) two million two hundred six thousand six  
hundred dollars (\$2,206,600) to have thirty-four case managers

1 located at all branch colleges, remaining community colleges  
2 and Native American post-secondary educational institutions;

3 (3) one hundred forty thousand six hundred  
4 dollars (\$140,600) for supplies and equipment for the social  
5 worker supervisors and case managers;

6 (4) fifty-four thousand dollars (\$54,000) for  
7 professional development, training and licensing for the social  
8 worker supervisors and case managers;

9 (5) four million three hundred ninety-three  
10 thousand two hundred dollars (\$4,393,200) for the development  
11 and implementation of a statewide higher education mental  
12 health system;

13 (6) one million six hundred six thousand eight  
14 hundred dollars (\$1,606,800) for regular mental health training  
15 for resident assistants, staff and faculty at public post-  
16 secondary educational institutions; and

17 (7) two million dollars (\$2,000,000) for the  
18 Santa Fe community college for a statewide suicide prevention  
19 and training program.

20 B. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining  
21 at the end of fiscal year 2025 shall revert to the general  
22 fund.