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SENATE BILL

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

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AN ACT

MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO EXPAND THE HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE
THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.--Twenty million dollars
(\$20,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
health care authority department for expenditure in fiscal year
2025 to increase medicaid reimbursement for health care
services. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at
the end of fiscal year 2025 shall revert to the general fund.

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.--Ten million dollars
(\$10,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
health professional loan repayment fund for expenditure in
fiscal year 2025 to increase participation in the health
professional loan repayment program. Any unexpended or

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1 unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2025
2 shall revert to the general fund.

3 **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION.**--Two million dollars
4 (\$2,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
5 children, youth and families department for expenditure in
6 fiscal year 2025 to increase funding for educational stipend
7 programs that receive matching federal funds pursuant to Title
8 IV-E of the federal Social Security Act. Any unexpended or
9 unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2025
10 shall revert to the general fund.

11 **SECTION 4. APPROPRIATIONS.**--

12 A. The following amounts are appropriated from the
13 general fund to the board of regents of the university of New
14 Mexico for expenditure in fiscal year 2025 for the following
15 purposes:

16 (1) five million dollars (\$5,000,000) to
17 support new physician resident slots at university of New
18 Mexico health sciences center facilities;

19 (2) three million dollars (\$3,000,000) to
20 compensate preceptors that supervise and train students seeking
21 to become health care professionals; and

22 (3) ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) to pay
23 faculty at the university of New Mexico college of population
24 health.

25 B. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining

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1 at the end of fiscal year 2025 shall revert to the general
2 fund.

3 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION.--Ten million dollars
4 (\$10,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
5 higher education department for expenditure in fiscal year 2025
6 and subsequent fiscal years to support the clinical supervision
7 of social work and counseling students and to provide stipends
8 to social work and counseling students who are working at
9 unpaid internships. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance
10 remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert
11 to the general fund.