

LFC Requester:

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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION

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AgencyAnalysis.nmlegis.gov and email to billanalysis@dfa.nm.gov*(Analysis must be uploaded as a PDF)***SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION***{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}*

Date Prepared: 2/3/25 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: SB238 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Sen Stewart
Short Title: Appropriation for Youth BH Prevention

Agency Name and Code: HCA-630
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
\$0.0	\$1,450.0	Nonrecurring	GF-PED

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		
\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	NA	NA

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	NA	NA

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis: One million four hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$1,450,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the public education department for expenditure in fiscal year 2026 for a youth behavioral health prevention project offered through a multi-component digital platform. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2026 shall revert to the general fund. B. The department's request for proposals shall require that: (1) the proposed platform provide online behavioral health education resources, pre-moderated peer-to-peer support services and online private sessions with state licensed behavioral health professionals; and (2) the provider of the platform must possess demonstrated experience providing services described in the request for proposals to public school students in other states.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None for MAD

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

None for MAD

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

If SB238-630 passes it could support BH access for youth and provide an additional option in addition to services available through Medicaid"

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

None for MAD

No IT impact.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

None for MAD

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None for MAD

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The Surgeon General's [Advisory](#) on Youth Behavioral Health underscores the urgent need for comprehensive strategies to address the mental health crisis among young people. It highlights the significant rise in behavioral health challenges, including anxiety, depression, and suicidality, exacerbated by the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, social isolation, and other societal pressures. In response to these concerns, the advisory calls for expanding access to mental health resources, particularly through innovative, accessible platforms that can support youth in managing their well-being. This proposed appropriation aligns with the Surgeon General's guidance by leveraging technology to provide online behavioral health education, peer-to-peer support, and access to licensed professionals, ensuring that students receive the timely and

effective care they need.

ALTERNATIVES

None for MAD

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Status Quo

AMENDMENTS

None for MAD