

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL 2

**57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025**

AN ACT

MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY INITIATIVES;  
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION--ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE  
COURTS--REGIONAL PLANNING--STATEWIDE RESOURCE MAPPING--JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT GRANTS--CERTAIN COURTS AND ASSOCIATED PROGRAMS AND  
SERVICES.--One million seven hundred thousand dollars  
(\$1,700,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the  
administrative office of the courts for expenditure in fiscal  
years 2025 through 2029 for regional planning and sequential  
intercept mapping statewide, including costs associated with  
monitoring, quality assurance and setting statewide standards  
related to relevant elements within regional plans. Any  
unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of

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1 fiscal year 2029 shall revert to the behavioral health trust  
2 fund.

3 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION--ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE  
4 COURTS--JUDICIAL DISTRICT GRANTS--REGIONAL PLANNING, INCLUDING  
5 REGIONAL CASE MANAGEMENT.--

6 A. Seven million dollars (\$7,000,000) is  
7 appropriated from the general fund to the administrative office  
8 of the courts for expenditure in fiscal years 2025 through 2029  
9 for:

10 (1) funding to judicial districts or criminal  
11 justice coordinating councils based on the submitted regional  
12 plans to enhance regional case management, behavioral health  
13 grant writing, peer-operated crisis response and recovery  
14 support services, behavioral health, homeless outreach and  
15 engagement and family support services; and

16 (2) funding to judicial districts based on the  
17 submitted regional plans, sequential intercept mapping  
18 identified gaps or identified need of the local judicial  
19 district for specialty, diversion, problem-solving and  
20 treatment courts and associated programs and pretrial services.  
21 The administrative office of the courts shall develop program  
22 models, standards, guidelines and program evaluation  
23 requirements for implementing, enhancing and expanding court-  
24 related programs.

25 B. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining

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1 at the end of fiscal year 2029 shall revert to the behavioral  
2 health trust fund.

3 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION--HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY--REGIONAL  
4 PLANNING, INCLUDING OUTPATIENT TREATMENT.--Ten million dollars  
5 (\$10,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the  
6 health care authority for expenditure in fiscal years 2026  
7 through 2029 for grants to counties and municipalities and  
8 Indian nations, tribes and pueblos based on the submitted  
9 regional plans for assisted outpatient treatment, medication-  
10 assisted treatment, assertive community treatment, other  
11 best-practice and evidence-informed outpatient and diversion  
12 services, promising practices and community-based wraparound  
13 services and resources. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance  
14 remaining at the end of fiscal year 2029 shall revert to the  
15 behavioral health trust fund.

16 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION--HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY--REGIONAL  
17 PLANNING--TRANSITIONAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FACILITIES.--Forty-  
18 three million dollars (\$43,000,000) is appropriated from the  
19 general fund to the health care authority for expenditure in  
20 fiscal years 2026 through 2029 for grants to counties,  
21 municipalities and behavioral health care providers based on  
22 the submitted regional plans for regional transitional  
23 behavioral health facilities and certified community behavioral  
24 health clinics that are located in a municipality with a state  
25 institution of higher education and remain eligible for

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1     medicaid. The health care authority shall consult with the  
2     department of health when making grants to counties and  
3     municipalities. Funding may be used to cover service,  
4     transportation and lease costs, including community-based  
5     services and supports. Not more than eight million dollars  
6     (\$8,000,000) may be used to establish or expand behavioral  
7     health investment zones based on epidemiological data and other  
8     source data that identify the combined incidence of mortality  
9     related to alcohol use, drug overdose and suicide and on any  
10    other behavioral health data deemed necessary. Any unexpended  
11    or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year  
12    2029 shall revert to the behavioral health trust fund.

13           SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION--HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY--REGIONAL  
14    PLANNING--CRISIS RESPONSE FACILITIES.--Seven million five  
15    hundred thousand dollars (\$7,500,000) is appropriated from the  
16    general fund to the health care authority for expenditure in  
17    fiscal years 2026 through 2029 for use by the authority and for  
18    grants to federally qualified health centers, counties and  
19    municipalities, Indian nations, tribes and pueblos and  
20    behavioral health care providers based on the submitted  
21    regional plans for twenty-four-hour crisis response facilities,  
22    associated services and technical assistance support. Funding  
23    may be used to cover service, logistic and lease costs not  
24    eligible for medicaid funding on a multiyear basis. Any  
25    unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of

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1 fiscal year 2029 shall revert to the behavioral health trust  
2 fund.

3           **SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION--CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT--**  
4 **REGIONAL PLANNING--SUPPORT FOR DISCHARGED PERSONS.--**One million  
5 three hundred thousand dollars (\$1,300,000) is appropriated  
6 from the general fund to the corrections department, in  
7 consultation with the health care authority, for expenditure in  
8 fiscal years 2026 through 2029 for use by the department and  
9 for grants to counties based on regional plans for discharge  
10 planning from correctional facilities and detention centers,  
11 and to assist discharged persons to connect with recovery  
12 support services and treatment and community-based behavioral  
13 health supports that supplement or enhance transitional  
14 services covered by medicaid. The corrections department shall  
15 consult with the department of health when making grants to  
16 counties. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at  
17 the end of fiscal year 2029 shall revert to the behavioral  
18 health trust fund.

19           **SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION--DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY--**  
20 **HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY--REGIONAL PLANNING--CRISIS RESPONSE AND**  
21 **RECOVERY.--**

22           A. Two million five hundred thousand dollars  
23 (\$2,500,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the  
24 department of public safety for expenditure in fiscal years  
25 2026 through 2029 to be used by law enforcement and behavioral

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1 health service providers to purchase regional mobile crisis  
2 response, recovery and outreach equipment and vehicles. Any  
3 unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of  
4 fiscal year 2029 shall revert to the behavioral health trust  
5 fund.

6 B. Two million five hundred thousand dollars  
7 (\$2,500,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the  
8 health care authority for expenditure in fiscal years 2026  
9 through 2029 for grants to counties, municipalities and Indian  
10 nations, tribes and pueblos based on the submitted regional  
11 plans to be used by law enforcement and behavioral health  
12 service providers to purchase regional mobile crisis response,  
13 recovery and outreach equipment and vehicles. Any unexpended  
14 or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year  
15 2029 shall revert to the behavioral health trust fund.

16 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATIONS--HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY--  
17 REGIONAL PLANNING--CRISIS RESPONSE AND RECOVERY TEAMS.--Eleven  
18 million five hundred thousand dollars (\$11,500,000) is  
19 appropriated from the general fund to the health care  
20 authority, in consultation with the department of public  
21 safety, for expenditure in fiscal years 2026 through 2029 for  
22 grants to counties, municipalities and Indian nations, tribes  
23 and pueblos based on the submitted regional plans for regional  
24 mobile crisis and recovery response, intervention and outreach  
25 teams and to support existing co-response models to transition

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1 to federally recognized mobile crisis team models to obtain  
 2 medicaid reimbursement. Funding may also be used to support  
 3 community-based mobile crisis teams and co-response  
 4 coordination. Not more than five million five hundred thousand  
 5 dollars (\$5,500,000) may be used by state agencies for regional  
 6 mobile crisis and recovery response, intervention and outreach  
 7 teams. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the  
 8 end of fiscal year 2029 shall revert to the behavioral health  
 9 trust fund.

10 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION--HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY--

11 EDUCATION AND OUTREACH.--One million dollars (\$1,000,000) is  
 12 appropriated from the general fund to the health care authority  
 13 for expenditure in fiscal years 2026 through 2029 for education  
 14 and outreach within behavioral health regions on available  
 15 behavioral health services based on behavioral health plans.  
 16 Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of  
 17 fiscal year 2029 shall revert to the behavioral health trust  
 18 fund.

19 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION--HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY--

20 REGIONAL PLANNING--CRISIS INTERVENTION AND RESPONSE.--Two  
 21 million dollars (\$2,000,000) is appropriated from the general  
 22 fund to the health care authority, in consultation with the  
 23 department of public safety, for expenditure in fiscal years  
 24 2026 through 2029 for grants to state agencies, counties and  
 25 municipalities and Indian nations, tribes and pueblos based on

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1 the submitted regional plans for diversion, crisis  
2 intervention, collaborative and embedded crisis response,  
3 mental health, social work, provider technical assistance and  
4 community and intercept resources training. Any unexpended or  
5 unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2029  
6 shall revert to the behavioral health trust fund.

7 SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION--UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO--  
8 HEALTH OUTREACH TO HOMELESS PERSONS.--One million dollars  
9 (\$1,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the board  
10 of regents of the university of New Mexico for expenditure in  
11 fiscal years 2026 through 2029 for use by the university of New  
12 Mexico health sciences center for mobile health units,  
13 medication-assisted treatment and other health outreach to  
14 homeless persons, including telemedicine. Any unexpended or  
15 unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2029  
16 shall revert to the behavioral health trust fund.

17 SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION--DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH--HEALTH  
18 OUTREACH TO HOMELESS PERSONS.--One million dollars (\$1,000,000)  
19 is appropriated from the general fund to the department of  
20 health for expenditure in fiscal years 2026 through 2029 for  
21 mobile health units, medication-assisted treatment and other  
22 health outreach to homeless persons, including telemedicine.  
23 Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of  
24 fiscal year 2029 shall revert to the behavioral health trust  
25 fund.

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1           **SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION--DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND**  
2           **ADMINISTRATION--REGIONAL PLANNING--EXPANSION OF CERTAIN HOUSING**  
3           **SERVICES.--Forty-eight million dollars (\$48,000,000) is**  
4           appropriated from the general fund to the department of finance  
5           and administration for the New Mexico mortgage finance  
6           authority as the state housing authority for expenditure in  
7           fiscal years 2026 through 2029 to establish a program to  
8           support the expansion of housing services providers that  
9           facilitate behavioral health services and substance misuse  
10          recovery, homelessness assistance and prevention for persons  
11          with behavioral health needs and transitional housing. Any  
12          unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of  
13          fiscal year 2029 shall revert to the behavioral health trust  
14          fund.

15          **SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION--HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY--988 AND**  
16          **911 COORDINATION.--Three million dollars (\$3,000,000) is**  
17          appropriated from the general fund to the health care authority  
18          for expenditure in fiscal years 2026 and 2027 to enable 988 and  
19          911 coordination as provided in the Behavioral Health Reform  
20          and Investment Act. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance  
21          remaining at the end of fiscal year 2027 shall revert to the  
22          behavioral health trust fund.

23          **SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION--HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY--**  
24          **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PATIENT NAVIGATION.--Nine million dollars**  
25          (\$9,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the

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1 health care authority for expenditure in fiscal years 2026 and  
2 2027 to expand patient navigation to behavioral health services  
3 through a no-wrong-door approach through updates to the YES-NM  
4 customer portal and the find help closed-loop referral system  
5 to facilitate direct and immediate connections to available  
6 behavioral health services for individuals, providers and care  
7 coordination teams. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance  
8 remaining at the end of fiscal year 2027 shall revert to the  
9 behavioral health trust fund.

10 SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION--LEGISLATIVE FINANCE

11 COMMITTEE--BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AUDITS AND EVALUATION.--One  
12 million dollars (\$1,000,000) is appropriated from the general  
13 fund to the legislative finance committee for expenditure in  
14 fiscal year 2026 and subsequent fiscal years to implement  
15 Section 9 of the Behavioral Health Reform and Investment Act.  
16 Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of  
17 a fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund.

18 SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION--DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH--SUICIDE

19 PREVENTION--YOUTH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH.--Nine million dollars  
20 (\$9,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the  
21 department of health for expenditure in fiscal years 2026  
22 through 2028 to expand suicide prevention and youth behavioral  
23 health supports in schools through educational resources,  
24 outreach, awareness, multi-component digital platforms and  
25 behavioral health services. Any unexpended or unencumbered

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1 balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2028 shall revert  
2 to the behavioral health trust fund.

3 SECTION 18. APPROPRIATION--PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT--  
4 SUICIDE PREVENTION--YOUTH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH.--Six million  
5 dollars (\$6,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to  
6 the public education department for expenditure in fiscal years  
7 2026 through 2028 to expand suicide prevention and youth  
8 behavioral health supports in schools through educational  
9 resources, outreach, awareness, multi-component digital  
10 platforms and behavioral health services. Any unexpended or  
11 unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2028  
12 shall revert to the behavioral health trust fund.

13 SECTION 19. APPROPRIATION--BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE  
14 UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO--PROJECT ECHO.--One million eight  
15 hundred thousand dollars (\$1,800,000) is appropriated from the  
16 general fund to the board of regents of the university of New  
17 Mexico for expenditure in fiscal years 2026 through 2028 to  
18 facilitate training through project ECHO for behavioral health  
19 care providers and behavioral health services to patients. Any  
20 unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of  
21 fiscal year 2028 shall revert to the behavioral health trust  
22 fund.

23 SECTION 20. APPROPRIATION--HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY.--Two  
24 hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) is appropriated from the  
25 general fund to the health care authority for expenditure in

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1 fiscal year 2025 to initiate the planning, coordination and  
2 behavioral health standards in accordance with the Behavioral  
3 Health Reform and Investment Act. Any unexpended or  
4 unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2025  
5 shall revert to the behavioral health trust fund.

6 SECTION 21. APPROPRIATION--HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY--  
7 CERTIFIED PEER SUPPORT.--Ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) is  
8 appropriated from the government results and opportunity  
9 program fund to the health care authority for expenditure in  
10 fiscal year 2026 for regional certified peer support workers,  
11 justice liaisons, regional behavioral health services division  
12 staff and administrative staff and to implement Section 9 of  
13 the Behavioral Health Reform and Investment Act. Any  
14 unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of  
15 fiscal year 2026 shall revert to the government results and  
16 opportunity program fund.

17 SECTION 22. APPROPRIATION--HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY--  
18 CERTIFIED PEER SUPPORT.--Ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) is  
19 appropriated from the government results and opportunity  
20 program fund to the health care authority for expenditure in  
21 fiscal year 2027 for regional certified peer support workers,  
22 justice liaisons, regional behavioral health services division  
23 staff and administrative staff and to implement Section 9 of  
24 the Behavioral Health Reform and Investment Act. Any  
25 unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of

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