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HOUSE BILL 455

**52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2015**

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AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH CARE; ENACTING A TEMPORARY PROVISION TO REQUIRE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION TO WORK WITH LUNA, GRANT AND HIDALGO COUNTIES TO CREATE A SINGLE, THREE-YEAR DEMONSTRATION PROJECT TO PROVIDE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS IN OR RELEASED FROM COUNTY DETENTION CENTER CUSTODY; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

**SECTION 1. TEMPORARY PROVISION--DEMONSTRATION PROJECT--**  
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR INMATES OF COUNTY DETENTION CENTER FACILITIES.--

A. The local government division of the department of finance and administration shall enter into memoranda of understanding with Luna, Grant and Hidalgo counties, or a

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1 fiscal agent county that one of these counties designates, to  
2 create a single, three-year demonstration project in those  
3 counties to work in conjunction with local health care  
4 providers and current or future substance abuse treatment  
5 programs and provide behavioral health services to inmates of  
6 county detention center facilities and to individuals who are  
7 transitioning from county detention center custody. The  
8 project shall:

9 (1) provide participants that the division and  
10 the three counties choose and who volunteer to participate in  
11 the demonstration project with:

12 (a) on-site comprehensive, evidence-  
13 based or promising-practice behavioral health services;

14 (b) coordination of treatment or  
15 referrals for treatment with health care providers, locally and  
16 statewide, law enforcement and the judiciary;

17 (c) supportive training for county  
18 detention center staff that links to community behavioral  
19 health providers;

20 (d) behavioral health services for  
21 individuals who are ready for release from county detention  
22 center custody;

23 (e) the following services for  
24 individuals who are scheduled to be released or who have been  
25 released from county detention center custody: 1) life-skills

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1 planning and coordination; and 2) life-skills classes;

2 (f) community case management services  
3 for individuals upon release from county detention center  
4 custody; and

5 (g) a plan for continuous quality  
6 improvement of the services provided pursuant to the  
7 demonstration project; and

8 (2) record progress pursuant to benchmark  
9 measures that the division and the participating counties  
10 establish, including a measure of the return on investment for  
11 the demonstration project.

12 B. In accordance with rules that the secretary of  
13 finance and administration shall adopt and promulgate, the  
14 demonstration project shall measure its progress in reaching  
15 the following goals:

16 (1) decreasing recidivism in Luna, Grant and  
17 Hidalgo counties;

18 (2) increasing inmates' success upon return to  
19 the community;

20 (3) decreasing detention center costs for  
21 behavioral health and substance abuse treatment services; and

22 (4) increasing public safety.

23 C. The division shall record as baseline data  
24 relating to state fiscal year 2014 the following data averaged  
25 among the Grant, Luna and Hidalgo detention centers:

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- 1 (1) inmate average cost per day;  
2 (2) the cost per month for pharmaceuticals;  
3 (3) monthly behavioral health transports,  
4 including emergency room and behavioral health service  
5 providers;

6 (4) an average per month of the time staff  
7 spends related to off-site behavioral health and physical  
8 health services visits;

9 (5) the average number of county inmate  
10 hospital admissions related to behavioral health matters; and

11 (6) the average monthly recidivism rate.

12 D. By November 1, 2016 and by November 1, 2017 and  
13 2018, the director of the division shall report the data  
14 required pursuant to this section to the legislative health and  
15 human services committee and the legislative finance committee.

16 E. As used in this section, "health care provider"  
17 means an individual licensed in New Mexico to provide health  
18 care in the ordinary course of business.

19 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.**--Two hundred sixty-four  
20 thousand six hundred twenty dollars (\$264,620) is appropriated  
21 from the general fund to the local government division of the  
22 department of finance and administration for expenditure in  
23 fiscal years 2016 through 2018 to fund a demonstration project  
24 in Luna, Grant and Hidalgo counties to provide behavioral  
25 health services to individuals who are inmates of county

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1 detention center facilities and individuals who have been  
2 released from county detention center custody. Any unexpended  
3 or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year  
4 2018 shall revert to the general fund.