

1 SENATE BILL

2 **55TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2021**

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10 AN ACT

11 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONTRACT
12 FOR SERVICES TO ASSESS AND REPORT ON THE AVAILABILITY OF AND
13 NEED FOR SOCIAL WORKERS IN NEW MEXICO AND METHODS TO EXPAND
14 CULTURAL DIVERSITY IN THE FIELD OF SOCIAL WORK IN THIS STATE.

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

17 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.--

18 A. Forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) is appropriated
19 from the general fund to the department of health for
20 expenditure in fiscal year 2022 to contract for services to:

21 (1) assess the availability of and need for
22 social workers in New Mexico and methods to expand cultural
23 diversity in the field of social work in this state; and

24 (2) report, by November 1, 2021, its findings
25 and recommendations to the legislative health and human

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1 services committee and the legislative finance committee.

2 B. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining
3 at the end of fiscal year 2022 shall revert to the general
4 fund.