

1 SENATE BILL 65

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 COLLECT AND ASSESS STATEWIDE DATA PERTINENT TO  
13 BRAIN INJURY; PERFORM A STUDY OF THE ADEQUACY OF EXISTING  
14 RESOURCES AVAILABLE IN NEW MEXICO TO PEOPLE WITH ACQUIRED BRAIN  
15 INJURY; SURVEY COMPARABLE SERVICES PROVIDED IN OTHER STATES;  
16 AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF  
17 ADDITIONAL SERVICES IN NEW MEXICO.

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

20 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.--

21 A. One hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) is  
22 appropriated from the general fund to the department of health  
23 for expenditure in fiscal year 2022 to contract for services  
24 for the following purposes:

25 (1) to collect and assess statewide data

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1 pertinent to brain injury;

2 (2) to perform a study of the adequacy of  
3 existing resources available in New Mexico to people with  
4 acquired brain injury;

5 (3) to survey comparable services provided in  
6 other states; and

7 (4) to make recommendations for the  
8 development and expansion of additional services in New Mexico  
9 and report findings and recommendations to the department  
10 of health, the legislative health and human services committee  
11 and the legislative finance committee.

12 B. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining  
13 at the end of fiscal year 2022 shall revert to the general  
14 fund.