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2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS

Section I: General

Chamber: Senate

Category: Bill

Number: 3

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Sponsor(s): Wirth, Stewart, and Sharer

Short Title: Behavioral Health Reform and Investment Act

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Section II: Fiscal Impact

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation Contained		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY 25	FY 26		
\$0	\$0	N/A	N/A

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY 25	FY 26	FY 27		
\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	N/A

This bill does not provide revenue but may provide opportunities for NMDOH to apply for funding in future years through the regional behavioral health teams created by this bill.

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-recurring	Fund Affected
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	N/A

None

Section III: Relationship to other legislation

Duplicates: None

Conflicts with: None

Companion to: None

Relates to: None

Duplicates/Relates to an Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act: None

Section IV: Narrative

1. BILL SUMMARY

a) Synopsis

Senate Bill 3 proposes to create behavioral health regions in the state. The Administrative Office of the Courts will create regions and coordinate meetings and the development of regional plans. NMDOH is named as a “behavioral health stakeholder” in the bill. SB3 states that stakeholders will provide support for coordinating regional meetings. The regions will then develop plans that identify no more than five projects per year for the region. The Administrative Office of the Courts shall oversee these projects and determine which are supported. The Office of the Superintendent will also provide guidance ensuring that projects meet certain criteria, and the LFC shall receive performance data in response to the projects identified. The bill does not state whether the stakeholders would take part in determining which projects are funded. It also does not specify which types of organizations would be eligible to participate in the regional projects.

Is this an amendment or substitution? Yes No

Is there an emergency clause? Yes No

b) Significant Issues

- This bill recognizes the differences between regions in the state and allows each region to formulate its own behavioral health plan.
- The bill does not clearly define the responsibilities of “stakeholders”. The bill states that stakeholders would be part of meetings, but the Administrative Office of the Courts would determine which projects are funded.
- The bill does not state the types of organizations that would be eligible for the funding, so it is not clear if NMDOH would also be included as an eligible entity.
- Local municipalities often struggle with the administrative support required to support grants and projects of this scope.

2. PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

- Does this bill impact the current delivery of NMDOH services or operations?

Yes No

If yes, describe how.

- Is this proposal related to the NMDOH Strategic Plan? Yes No

Goal 1: We expand equitable access to services for all New Mexicans

Goal 2: We ensure safety in New Mexico healthcare environments

Goal 3: We improve health status for all New Mexicans

Goal 4: We support each other by promoting an environment of mutual respect, trust, open communication, and needed resources for staff to serve New Mexicans and to grow and reach their professional goals

3. FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

- If there is an appropriation, is it included in the Executive Budget Request?

Yes No N/A

- If there is an appropriation, is it included in the LFC Budget Request?

Yes No N/A

- Does this bill have a fiscal impact on NMDOH? Yes No

4. ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Will this bill have an administrative impact on NMDOH? Yes No

5. DUPLICATION, CONFLICT, COMPANIONSHIP OR RELATIONSHIP

None

6. TECHNICAL ISSUES

Are there technical issues with the bill? Yes No

7. LEGAL/REGULATORY ISSUES (OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES)

- Will administrative rules need to be updated or new rules written? Yes No

- Have there been changes in federal/state/local laws and regulations that make this legislation necessary (or unnecessary)? Yes No

- Does this bill conflict with federal grant requirements or associated regulations?

Yes No

- Are there any legal problems or conflicts with existing laws, regulations, policies, or programs? Yes No

8. DISPARITIES ISSUES

None

9. HEALTH IMPACT(S)

The selection and implementation of five projects per year, per region could have positive impacts for people with behavioral health conditions.

10. ALTERNATIVES

None

11. WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL?

If SB 3 is not enacted the delivery of behavioral health services shall remain the same.

12. AMENDMENTS

None