

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.

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
fiscal year 2029 shall revert to the behavioral health trust

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

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

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

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

24 B. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining
25 at the end of fiscal year 2029 shall revert to the behavioral

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1 health trust fund.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9 **SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION--HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY--**
 10 EDUCATION AND OUTREACH.--One million dollars (\$1,000,000) is
 11 appropriated from the general fund to the health care authority
 12 for expenditure in fiscal years 2026 through 2029 for education
 13 and outreach within behavioral health regions on available
 14 behavioral health services based on behavioral health plans.
 15 Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of
 16 fiscal year 2029 shall revert to the behavioral health trust
 17 fund.

18 **SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION--HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY--**
 19 REGIONAL PLANNING--CRISIS INTERVENTION AND RESPONSE.--Two
 20 million dollars (\$2,000,000) is appropriated from the general
 21 fund to the health care authority, in consultation with the
 22 department of public safety, for expenditure in fiscal years
 23 2026 through 2029 for grants to state agencies, counties and
 24 municipalities and Indian nations, tribes and pueblos based on
 25 the submitted regional plans for diversion, crisis

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

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

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

25 SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION--DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND

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

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

22 SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION--HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY--
23 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PATIENT NAVIGATION.--Nine million dollars
24 (\$9,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
25 health care authority for expenditure in fiscal years 2026 and

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

9 SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION--LEGISLATIVE FINANCE

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

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

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

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1 to the behavioral health trust fund.

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

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

22 **SECTION 20. APPROPRIATION--HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY.--**Two
23 hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) is appropriated from the
24 general fund to the health care authority for expenditure in
25 fiscal year 2025 to initiate the planning, coordination and

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

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

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

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2 **SECTION 23. APPROPRIATION--HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY--**
3 CERTIFIED PEER SUPPORT.--Ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) is
4 appropriated from the government results and opportunity
5 program fund to the health care authority for expenditure in
6 fiscal year 2028 for regional certified peer support workers,
7 justice liaisons, regional behavioral health services division
8 staff and administrative staff and to implement Section 9 of
9 the Behavioral Health Reform and Investment Act. Any
10 unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of
11 fiscal year 2028 shall revert to the government results and
12 opportunity program fund.

13 **SECTION 24. CONTINGENT EFFECTIVE DATE.--**The effective
14 date of the provisions of Sections 1 through 10, 14 through 16
15 and 20 through 23 of this act is contingent upon Senate Bill 3
16 or similar legislation of the first session of the fifty-
17 seventh legislature becoming law.

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