

HOUSE BILL 159

57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2026

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AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM THAT ENABLES KINDERGARTEN THROUGH TWELFTH GRADE STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES TO ACCESS A NO-COST, COMPREHENSIVE AND EVIDENCE-BASED MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT PLATFORM.

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

## SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.--

A. One million dollars (\$1,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the public education department for expenditure in fiscal years 2027 and 2028 to:

(1) establish a pilot program that enables kindergarten through twelfth grade students and their families to access a no-cost, comprehensive and evidence-based mental health support platform that offers mental health education,

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1 self-management resources and care navigation supports;

2 (2) contract for services to implement the

3 pilot program described in Paragraph (1) of this subsection;

4 and

5 (3) develop and submit a report that analyzes

6 the impact of the pilot program described in Paragraph (1) of

7 this subsection to the legislative education study committee.

8 B. Any unexpended balance remaining at the end of

9 fiscal year 2028 shall revert to the general fund.

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