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SENATE BILL 159

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

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AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH; REQUIRING THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO TO SUPPLEMENT COSTS INCURRED BY
ELIGIBLE ENTITIES ASSOCIATED WITH GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION;
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. [NEW MATERIAL] GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION
PAYMENTS.--

A. As used in this section:

(1) "board" means the board of regents of the
university of New Mexico; and

(2) "eligible entity" means:

(a) a federally qualified health center;

(b) a rural health clinic;

(c) an independent psychiatric facility;

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1 or

2 (d) a critical access hospital that
3 sponsors or participates in an accredited graduate medical
4 education residency program located in New Mexico.

5 B. The board shall:

6 (1) provide payments to eligible entities to
7 supplement direct and indirect costs for medical residents
8 associated with graduate medical education that are not
9 otherwise reimbursed, including:

10 (a) medical resident salaries and
11 benefits;

12 (b) supervising physician and faculty
13 costs;

14 (c) accreditation and instructional
15 expenses; and

16 (d) program administration;

17 (2) supplement the costs of medical residents
18 for the duration of their residency, spread out over fiscal
19 years 2027 through 2029; and

20 (3) prioritize New Mexico residents.

21 C. The board may use money appropriated pursuant to
22 Section 2 of this 2026 act to provide to eligible entities to
23 fully staff and contract for services to carry out the
24 provisions of this section.

25 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.--Twenty-seven million dollars
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1 (\$27,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
2 board of regents of the university of New Mexico for
3 expenditure in fiscal years 2027 through 2029 to supplement
4 direct and indirect costs incurred by eligible entities
5 associated with graduate medical education as provided in
6 Section 1 of this act. Any unexpended balance remaining at the
7 end of fiscal year 2029 shall revert to the general fund.

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