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SENATE BILL

56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2024

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DISCUSSION DRAFT

AN ACT

RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES; REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO EVALUATE THE IMPACTS OF UNIVERSAL BASIC INCOME ON PREGNANT PEOPLE; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. TEMPORARY PROVISION--UNIVERSAL BASIC INCOME PILOT PROGRAM.--

A. As used in this section, "program" means the universal basic income pilot program.

B. The "universal basic income pilot program" is created as a two-year pilot program administered by the department of health to evaluate the financial impact on a pregnant person of providing a universal basic income from pregnancy through the first year of life of an infant.

C. The department of health shall develop an

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1 application process for participants to voluntarily enroll in
2 the program. The program shall consist of a control group of
3 participants and a test group of participants. Participants in
4 the program shall:

5 (1) be pregnant at the time of applying to
6 participate in the program; and

7 (2) have an income at or below one hundred
8 fifty percent of the federal poverty level.

9 D. The program shall begin on July 1, 2024 and
10 shall end on June 30, 2026. The program shall proceed with the
11 following limitations:

12 (1) the department of health shall distribute
13 to participants a universal basic income of one thousand five
14 hundred dollars (\$1,500) per month through the duration of the
15 program;

16 (2) participants shall receive home visitation
17 from employees of the department of health or an entity
18 approved by the department of health;

19 (3) participants shall complete surveys and
20 research forms throughout the duration of the program;

21 (4) participants shall attend prenatal care
22 appointments with a health care provider as defined pursuant to
23 the Public Health Act in a frequency recommended by the health
24 care provider; and

25 (5) if a participant fails to comply with the

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1 provisions of Paragraphs (2) through (4) of this subsection,
2 that participant shall be placed in the control group for the
3 remainder of the program.

4 E. The department of health shall report the
5 findings of the program to the legislative education study
6 committee no later than December 1, 2026.

7 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.--Eighty million dollars
8 (\$80,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
9 department of health for expenditure in fiscal years 2025 and
10 2026 to conduct a universal basic income pilot program. Any
11 unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of
12 fiscal year 2026 shall revert to the general fund.