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HOUSE BILL 180

**44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION,
2000**

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC HEALTH; IMPLEMENTING YOUTH SUICIDE
PREVENTION STRATEGIES; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

Section 1. YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAMS.--The
department of health shall implement youth suicide best
practice prevention strategies in conformance with the
department's suicide prevention plan recommendations. The
youth suicide prevention strategies shall be implemented in
the public schools, juvenile detention facilities, public
post-secondary educational institutions and programs serving
out-of-school youth. Implementation of such strategies shall
include the enhancement of current twenty-four-hour-per-day
toll-free hotlines for youth crisis intervention, additional
depression screening tools, assurance of appropriate
emergency assistance response and an active mental health

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1 referral process for the person in need, suicide prevention
2 education and training of adult and youth gatekeepers to
3 recognize and respond to suicide warning signs.

4 Section 2. APPROPRIATION.--Two hundred thousand dollars
5 (\$200,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
6 department of health for expenditure in fiscal years 2001 and
7 2002 for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the
8 department's youth suicide prevention strategies. Any
9 unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of
10 the fiscal year 2002 shall revert to the general fund.