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HOUSE BILL 166

**48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007**

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AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A TWO-WEEK TRAINING PROGRAM FOR THE  
TREATMENT OF SEXUALLY ABUSIVE YOUTH.

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

Section 1. APPROPRIATION.--One hundred fifty thousand  
dollars (\$150,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the  
department of health for expenditure in fiscal year 2008 for  
sixty therapists already working at department-of-health-funded  
community mental health centers, rape crisis centers and youth  
violence prevention agencies as well as similar organizations  
in the Native American community to attend a two-week training  
program and earn credentials for the treatment of sexually  
abusive youth. Each agency that provides adolescent sex  
offender therapy shall be encouraged to send a therapist to the  
two-week training program, and therapists who undergo the

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1 training shall be required to sign a contract to continue their  
2 existing work for one year following certification. Any  
3 unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of  
4 fiscal year 2008 shall revert to the general fund.

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