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SENATE BILL 168

53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2018

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AN ACT

RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION; REQUIRING PUBLIC POST-SECONDARY
EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON MENTAL
HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION SERVICES TO ENTERING STUDENTS;
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. [NEW MATERIAL] PUBLIC POST-SECONDARY
EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS--MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION
SERVICES--INFORMATION PROVIDED TO ENTERING STUDENTS.--

A. Every public post-secondary educational
institution shall provide to each entering full-time
undergraduate, graduate or professional student, including
transfer students, information about:

(1) available mental health and suicide
prevention services offered by the public post-secondary

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1 educational institution or by any associated organization or
2 program; and

3 (2) common early warning signs that are often
4 present in, and appropriate intervention for, a person who may
5 be considering suicide.

6 B. The mental health and suicide prevention
7 services information shall be provided in paper format and also
8 be provided through:

9 (1) a live presentation; or

10 (2) a format that allows for student
11 interaction, including an online program or video.

12 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.--Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000)
13 is appropriated from the general fund to the higher education
14 department for expenditure in fiscal year 2019 to develop or
15 compile information pertaining to mental health and suicide
16 prevention for use by the public post-secondary educational
17 institutions. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining
18 at the end of fiscal year 2019 shall revert to the general
19 fund.