

HOUSE BILL 557

**54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019**

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH; ESTABLISHING THE "AFRICAN AMERICAN  
COMMUNITY HEALTH INITIATIVE" AT THE OFFICE ON AFRICAN AMERICAN  
AFFAIRS; ENACTING A TEMPORARY PROVISION OF LAW TO REQUIRE THE  
OFFICE ON AFRICAN AMERICAN AFFAIRS TO CONDUCT A CAPACITY AND  
NEEDS ASSESSMENT; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. [NEW MATERIAL] OFFICE ON AFRICAN AMERICAN  
AFFAIRS--AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY HEALTH INITIATIVE.--The  
"African American community health initiative" is established  
at the office on African American affairs. The African  
American community health initiative shall:

A. provide a point of contact for African American  
residents and other residents of the state to receive  
culturally competent health education and referral to

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1 culturally competent health services, case management and  
2 social services;

3 B. conduct targeted public health campaigns  
4 promoting wellness in the African American community via print  
5 and electronic media, direct mail, in-person meetings,  
6 workshops and monthly online forums and web seminars; and

7 C. organize an annual "New Mexico black wellness  
8 conference" in the state, featuring information and resources  
9 for individuals interested in the health and well-being of  
10 African Americans in New Mexico.

11 SECTION 2. TEMPORARY PROVISION--CAPACITY AND NEEDS  
12 ASSESSMENT.--By November 1, 2019, the office on African  
13 American affairs shall:

14 A. conduct a capacity and needs assessment of the  
15 office's capacity to implement the African American community  
16 health initiative pursuant to the provisions of Section 1 of  
17 this 2019 act. The analysis shall include:

18 (1) a budget for meeting the African American  
19 community health initiative's service requirements,  
20 administrative requirements, including staffing requirements,  
21 and any capital outlay requirements; and

22 (2) an identification of the community  
23 resources available to assist the office on African American  
24 affairs in:

25 (a) making referrals to culturally

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1 competent health education, health care services, case  
2 management and social services; and

3 (b) organizing an annual New Mexico  
4 black wellness conference; and

5 B. report the findings of its capacity and needs  
6 assessment to the legislative health and human services  
7 committee and the legislative finance committee.

8 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION.--Three hundred thousand dollars  
9 (\$300,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the office  
10 on African American affairs for expenditure in fiscal year 2020  
11 to fund the establishment of the African American community  
12 health initiative and the capacity and needs assessment  
13 required pursuant to Sections 1 and 2 of this act. Any  
14 unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of  
15 fiscal year 2020 shall revert to the general fund.