

HOUSE BILL 278

**56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2023**

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AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FOR  
PROGRAMS THAT ADDRESS PHYSICIAN SHORTAGES.

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

**SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.**--Seven million five hundred  
thousand dollars (\$7,500,000) is appropriated from the general  
fund to the higher education department for expenditure in  
fiscal year 2024 and subsequent fiscal years for programs that  
address physician shortages, including outreach, minority  
student services and enhancing and expanding graduate medical  
education opportunities. Any unexpended or unencumbered  
balance remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert  
to the general fund.

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