

1 SENATE BILL 397

2 **56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2023**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO HEALTH; ENACTING A NEW SECTION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH
12 ACT TO CREATE AND OPERATE SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS.

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

15 SECTION 1. A new section of the Public Health Act is
16 enacted to read:

17 "[NEW MATERIAL] SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS--CREATION AND
18 OPERATION.--

19 A. The department shall provide funding, technical
20 assistance, clinical oversight and other necessary support for
21 the creation and operation of school-based health centers.

22 B. School-based health centers shall be regulated
23 by the department to provide services pursuant to Subsection E
24 of this section.

25 C. School-based health centers shall be established

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1 in schools, within the boundaries of school campuses or within
2 safe walking distances from school campuses as determined by
3 the school and the school-based health center operator, in
4 communities based on:

- 5 (1) need for services;
- 6 (2) operator availability; and
- 7 (3) support from local educational
8 authorities.

9 D. School-based health centers shall work in
10 cooperation with schools and school districts and be operated
11 by licensed health care providers, including hospitals,
12 federally qualified health centers, the department's public
13 health nurses and other qualified health care providers.

14 E. School-based health centers shall provide
15 services through licensed providers, including:

- 16 (1) primary health care;
- 17 (2) preventive health care, including
18 comprehensive health assessments and diagnosis;
- 19 (3) treatment of minor, acute and chronic
20 conditions;
- 21 (4) mental health care;
- 22 (5) substance use disorder assessments,
23 treatment and referral;
- 24 (6) crisis intervention; or
- 25 (7) referrals as necessary for additional

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1 treatment, including inpatient care, specialty care, emergency
2 psychiatric care, oral health care and vision health care
3 services.

4 F. The department shall adopt and promulgate rules
5 for the regulation, operation and oversight of school-based
6 health centers receiving funding from the department.

7 G. For purposes of this section:

8 (1) "department" means the department of
9 health;

10 (2) "mental health care" means services
11 related to emotional, psychological and social well-being;

12 (3) "preventive health care" means services
13 that include screenings, checkups and patient counseling to
14 stop or slow the progression of illness, diseases and other
15 health problems; and

16 (4) "primary health care" means health care
17 services that include providing preventive care, promoting
18 wellness and treating common illnesses."