

1 SENATE BILL 47

2 **56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2024**

3 INTRODUCED BY

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO HEALTH CARE; CREATING THE HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL
12 RECRUITMENT FUND TO PROVIDE FOR PROGRAMS THAT RECRUIT AND
13 RETAIN HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL IN HEALTH CARE UNDERSERVED AREAS;
14 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

17 SECTION 1. Section 24-1A-1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1981,
18 Chapter 295, Section 1) is amended to read:

19 "24-1A-1. SHORT TITLE.--~~[This act]~~ Sections 24-1A-1
20 through 24-1A-4.1 NMSA 1978 may be cited as the "Rural Primary
21 Health Care Act"."

22 SECTION 2. A new section of the Rural Primary Health Care
23 Act, Section 24-1A-4.1 NMSA 1978, is enacted to read:

24 "24-1A-4.1. [NEW MATERIAL] HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL
25 RECRUITMENT FUND--CREATED.--

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1 A. The "health care personnel recruitment fund" is
2 created as a nonreverting fund in the state treasury. The fund
3 consists of appropriations, gifts, grants, donations, income
4 from investment of the fund and any other revenue credited to
5 the fund. The department shall administer the fund for the
6 purpose of providing for programs that recruit and retain
7 health care personnel in health care underserved areas, and
8 money in the fund is appropriated to the department to carry
9 out the provisions of this section. Grants, distributions and
10 transfers of money from the fund shall be made only from the
11 income received from investment of the fund. Disbursements
12 from the fund shall be by warrant of the secretary of finance
13 and administration pursuant to vouchers signed by the secretary
14 of health or the secretary's authorized representative.

15 B. Up to ten percent of the income received from
16 investment of the health care personnel recruitment fund may be
17 expended for costs of administration of the fund and
18 administration of health care personnel recruitment and
19 retention programs undertaken with fund money."

20 **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION.**--Thirty million dollars
21 (\$30,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
22 health care personnel recruitment fund for expenditure in
23 fiscal year 2025 and subsequent fiscal years to provide money
24 for programs that recruit and retain health care personnel in
25 health care underserved areas. Any unexpended or unencumbered

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1 balance remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert
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