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SENATE BILL 261

57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC HEALTH; CREATING THE HUB-AND-SPOKE PILOT PROJECT AS A FIVE-YEAR PILOT PROJECT IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO DELIVER PREVENTIVE HEALTH CARE SERVICES AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN UNDERSERVED AREAS OF THE STATE; DEFINING TERMS; PROVIDING FOR PROJECT GOALS AND PARAMETERS; ASSIGNING DUTIES; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. [NEW MATERIAL] HUB-AND-SPOKE PILOT PROJECT.--

A. As used in this section:

(1) "cooperative care team" mean a preventive health care provider team that consists of a licensed school nurse, a licensed primary care provider, a licensed behavioral health care provider, a certified athletic trainer and a certified community health care worker;

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1 (2) "department" means the department of
2 health;

3 (3) "hub-and-spoke care model" means a health
4 care delivery network in which a comprehensive primary care
5 clinic serves as the hub of the network and satellite
6 facilities or mobile services serve as the spokes of the
7 network;

8 (4) "preventive health care" means services to
9 prevent or detect illness, disease and other health problems or
10 stop or slow the progression of those health problems and
11 includes screenings and checkups, sports physicals, mental
12 health counseling and case management; and

13 (5) "project" means the hub-and-spoke pilot
14 project.

15 B. The "hub-and-spoke pilot project" is created as
16 a five-year pilot project in the department to study the
17 feasibility of delivering preventive health care at public
18 schools in underserved areas of the state through a hub-and-
19 spoke care model and to measure how access to preventive health
20 care influences student health and academic outcomes and public
21 health more broadly.

22 C. The project shall be implemented in the
23 department's northeast region; the hub shall be a federally
24 qualified health center in San Miguel county; the spokes shall
25 be public schools in at least five school districts; and

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1 preventive health care shall be provided by a cooperative care
2 team at all participating public schools.

3 D. The department shall:

4 (1) contract for services with a federally
5 qualified health center;

6 (2) collect and compile data regarding student
7 health and academic outcomes and public health implications
8 related to the project;

9 (3) collaborate with the public education
10 department, which shall assist the department in measuring
11 student academic outcomes; and

12 (4) report periodically on the project's
13 implementation to the legislative health and human services
14 committee and provide a final report to the governor and the
15 legislature by November 1, 2030.

16 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.--One million seven hundred
17 fifty thousand dollars (\$1,750,000) is appropriated from the
18 general fund to the department of health for expenditure in
19 fiscal years 2026 through 2030 to implement and administer the
20 hub-and-spoke pilot project. Any unexpended or unencumbered
21 balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2030 shall revert
22 to the general fund.