

1 SENATE BILL 70

2 **57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2026**

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7 FOR THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES; REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
12 TO ESTABLISH A UNIVERSAL BASIC INCOME PILOT PROGRAM AND TO  
13 EVALUATE THE IMPACTS OF UNIVERSAL BASIC INCOME ON PREGNANT  
14 PEOPLE; REQUIRING THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE  
15 DEPARTMENT OR AN APPROVED ENTITY TO CONDUCT HOME VISITS FOR  
16 PARTICIPANTS IN THE PILOT PROGRAM; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

19 **SECTION 1. TEMPORARY PROVISION--UNIVERSAL BASIC INCOME  
20 PILOT PROGRAM.--**

21 A. As used in this section, "program" means the  
22 universal basic income pilot program.

23 B. The "universal basic income pilot program" is  
24 created as a two-year pilot program administered by the  
25 department of health to evaluate the financial impact on a

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1 pregnant person of providing a universal basic income from  
2 pregnancy through the first year of life of an infant.

3                   C. The department of health shall develop an  
4 application process for participants to voluntarily enroll in  
5 the program. The program shall consist of a control group of  
6 participants and a test group of participants. Participants in  
7 the program shall:

8                   (1) be pregnant at the time of applying to  
9 participate in the program; and

10                  (2) have an income at or below one hundred  
11 fifty percent of the federal poverty level.

12                  D. The program shall begin on July 1, 2026 and  
13 shall end on June 30, 2028. The program shall proceed with the  
14 following limitations; provided that the control group shall  
15 not be subject to these limitations:

16                  (1) the department of health shall distribute  
17 to participants a universal basic income of one thousand five  
18 hundred dollars (\$1,500) per month through the duration of the  
19 program;

20                  (2) participants shall receive home visitation  
21 from employees of the early childhood education and care  
22 department or an entity approved by that department;

23                  (3) participants shall complete surveys and  
24 research forms throughout the duration of the program;

25                  (4) participants shall attend prenatal care

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1       appointments with a health care provider as defined pursuant to  
2       the Public Health Act in a frequency recommended by the health  
3       care provider; and

4                         (5) if a participant fails to comply with the  
5       provisions of Paragraphs (2) through (4) of this subsection,  
6       that participant shall be placed in the control group for the  
7       remainder of the program.

8                         E. The department of health shall report the  
9       findings of the program to the legislative education study  
10      committee no later than December 1, 2028.

11                         **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.**--Eighty million dollars  
12       (\$80,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the  
13       department of health for expenditure in fiscal years 2027 and  
14       2028 to conduct a universal basic income pilot program. Any  
15       unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of  
16       fiscal year 2028 shall revert to the general fund.

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