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HOUSE BILL 76

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

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AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY TO  
CONTRACT FOR SERVICES TO DEVELOP ALTERNATIVE PLACEMENTS FOR  
YOUTH IN STATE CUSTODY.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.--Ten million dollars  
(\$10,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the  
health care authority for expenditure in fiscal years 2027  
through 2029 to contract for services with providers with  
relevant experience to develop alternative placements to  
congregate care for youth in state custody that can capably  
serve and support older youth and youth with higher levels of  
need, with the purpose of expanding the continuum of care  
availability, including: acute psychiatric hospital  
expansions, residential treatment centers, qualified

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1 residential treatment programs, adolescent detoxification  
2 facilities, step-down facilities for youth in crisis, mobile  
3 response and stabilization teams for youth in crisis, treatment  
4 foster care homes, day treatment services, intensive outpatient  
5 and partial hospitalization services. Any unexpended balance  
6 remaining at the end of fiscal year 2029 shall revert to the  
7 general fund.

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