

FOR THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO ALLOW NEW MEXICO BASED ADOLESCENT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS CENTERS TO COLLABORATE WITH DOH AND CYFD and UNM PROJECT ECHO TO FIND FUNDING AND CONTRACT TO ENSURE ALL ELIGIBLE ADOLESCENTS HAVE ACCESS TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.—FIVE MILLION DOLLARS(\$5,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the human services department AND cyfd and UNM Project Echo for expenditure in fiscal year 2024 to allow the agencies to work with providers to support to families with children in need of behavioral health services. This legislation will also include the placement of children who are currently in out of state facilities to be housed and supported at in state facilities. Further, this legislation will include sufficient funding for four mental health crisis vans and personnel throughout school districts in the state to ensure that children and their families have access to care to include screenings. This legislation will also include any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2023 shall revert to the general fund.

For the purpose of this legislation SBHCs are defined as clinics that provide health services to students in pre-kindergarten through grade 12 and may be offered onsite (i.e., school-based centers) or offsite (i.e., school-linked centers or mobile units). The 4 SBHCs are in addition to those already established in schools will serve predominantly low-income communities and have the following characteristics:

SBHCs must provide primary health care and may also include mental health care, social services, dentistry, and health education.

In order to ensure that the costs of providing a positive benefit to the state, the Legislative Finance Committee will oversee a review by staff. Operating cost ranged from \$ to \$ per SBHC per year, with per user cost ranging from \$ to \$ per year. Benefit studies in an economic review will focus on health and healthcare-related outcomes. From the societal perspective, annual benefit per SBHC