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SENATE BILL 252

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003

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FOR THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH; MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO FUND
SUICIDAL PREVENTION ACTIVITIES, PARENTING, LIFE SKILLS AND
NUTRITION EDUCATION FOR AT-RISK FAMILIES AND STATEWIDE
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES.

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

Section 1. APPROPRIATION. --

A. Two million three hundred thousand dollars
(\$2,300,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
department of health for expenditure in fiscal year 2004 in the
following amounts and for the following purposes:

(1) three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000)
to contract with a suicide intervention project to develop
statewide prevention strategies and training for adults and
students who have contact with students at high risk of

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1 suicide; and

2 (2) two million dollars (\$2,000,000) to fund
3 new services and build infrastructure, with priority given to
4 alcohol and substance abuse intensive post-treatment community-
5 based case management, jail diversion and crisis intervention,
6 and to address behavioral health needs and gaps, as recommended
7 in the comprehensive assessment of these needs issued in the
8 department's 2002 analysis of the gap between current need and
9 services available.

10 B. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining
11 at the end of fiscal year 2004 shall revert to the general
12 fund.

13 Section 2. APPROPRIATION.--Three hundred thousand dollars
14 (\$300,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the board
15 of regents of New Mexico state university for expenditure in
16 fiscal year 2004 for the purpose of expanding a family
17 strengthening partnership parenting education program to
18 improve parenting and life skills, to provide nutrition
19 education for low-income at-risk families and to expand the
20 infrastructure and geographic locations of the program. Any
21 unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of
22 fiscal year 2004 shall revert to the general fund.