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SENATE BILL 873

48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007

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AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A TWO-WEEK TRAINING PROGRAM FOR  
THE TREATMENT OF SEXUALLY ABUSIVE YOUTH.

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

Section 1. APPROPRIATION. -- One hundred fifty thousand  
dollars (\$150,000) is appropriated from the general fund to  
the department of health for expenditure in fiscal year 2008  
for sixty therapists already working at department-of-health-  
funded community mental health centers, rape crisis centers  
and youth violence prevention agencies as well as similar  
organizations in the Native American community to attend a  
two-week training program and earn credentials for the  
treatment of sexually abusive youth. Each agency that  
provides adolescent sex offender therapy shall be encouraged  
to send a therapist to the two-week training program, and

1 therapists who undergo the training shall be required to sign  
2 a contract to continue their existing work for one year  
3 following certification. Any unexpended or unencumbered  
4 balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2008 shall revert  
5 to the general fund.

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