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HOUSE BILL 63

48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2008

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH AUTISM
SPECTRUM DISORDERS.

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

Section 1. APPROPRIATION.--

A. Six million seven hundred twenty-five thousand
dollars (\$6,725,000) is appropriated to the following
departments in the following amounts for expenditure in fiscal
2009:

(1) to the human services department:

(a) two million nine hundred thousand
dollars (\$2,900,000) to support specific treatment services for
medicaid-eligible recipients with autism;

(b) one hundred thousand dollars
(\$100,000) for extension of the first session of the forty-

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1 eighth legislature's Senate Bill 197 study group to expand
2 statewide stakeholder representation and to conduct public
3 forums to identify regional needs and priorities;

4 (c) one hundred seventy-five thousand
5 dollars (\$175,000) to study service needs and best practice
6 treatments for high-functioning adults with autism spectrum
7 disorder who do not meet the criteria for developmental
8 disability;

9 (d) one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for
10 the behavioral health collaborative's development of a flex-
11 funding program for the autism spectrum disorder population;
12 and

13 (e) three hundred fifty thousand dollars
14 (\$350,000) for behavioral health collaborative seed money for
15 development of in-state residential treatment centers for the
16 autism spectrum disorder population, including related
17 policies, standards and oversights; and

18 (2) to the department of health:

19 (a) one million dollars (\$1,000,000) to
20 support statewide diagnostic and autism spectrum disorder-
21 specific groups in a minimum of four counties for specific
22 treatment services for persons who are not eligible for
23 medicaid; and

24 (b) two hundred thousand dollars
25 (\$200,000) for creation and implementation of a statewide

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1 autism spectrum disorder surveillance and registration program
2 in a minimum of four counties, coordinated with other relevant
3 parties; and

4 (3) one million dollars (\$1,000,000) to the
5 higher education department to develop and implement pre-
6 service programs focusing on best practice interventions for
7 persons with autism spectrum disorder.

8 B. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining
9 at the end of fiscal year 2009 shall revert to the general
10 fund.