

1 SENATE BILL 148

2 **51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE; REQUIRING THE OFFICE OF  
12 SUPERINTENDENT OF INSURANCE TO OBTAIN AN ACTUARIAL ANALYSIS OF  
13 POTENTIAL COSTS AND BENEFITS ASSOCIATED WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION  
14 AND OPERATION OF A BASIC HEALTH PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL  
15 PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT; MAKING AN  
16 APPROPRIATION.

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

19 SECTION 1. TEMPORARY PROVISION--BASIC HEALTH PROGRAM  
20 ACTUARIAL ANALYSIS.--

21 A. In order to determine whether implementation and  
22 operation of a basic health program, as provided in Section  
23 1331(a)(1) of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable  
24 Care Act, is the most effective way to serve the health  
25 insurance-related needs of certain low-income residents who are

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1 not eligible for medicaid, the office of superintendent of  
2 insurance shall perform an actuarial analysis of the potential  
3 costs and benefits associated with the implementation and  
4 operation of a basic health program. The analysis shall:

5 (1) consider any federal financing that is  
6 available to the state in connection with a basic health  
7 program;

8 (2) use any qualified health plan enrollment  
9 data that is available through operation of a state health  
10 insurance exchange beginning in January 2014; and

11 (3) include projections of:

12 (a) the costs to the state of  
13 implementing and operating a basic health program;

14 (b) the costs to potential enrollees in  
15 a basic health program plan; and

16 (c) the scope of benefits for plans  
17 operating pursuant to a basic health program.

18 B. As used in this section, "medicaid" means the  
19 joint federal-state health coverage program pursuant to  
20 Title 19 or Title 21 of the federal Social Security Act.

21 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.**--Fifty thousand dollars  
22 (\$50,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the office  
23 of superintendent of insurance for expenditure in fiscal years  
24 2014 and 2015 to be used to perform an actuarial analysis to  
25 calculate potential costs and benefits related to

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1 implementation and operation of a basic health program in the  
2 state. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the  
3 end of fiscal year 2015 shall revert to the general fund.

4 SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of Section  
5 1 of this act is July 1, 2013.