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HOUSE BILL 55

54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2020

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AN ACT

MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES DEPARTMENT TO FUND SUPPORTS AND SERVICES RELATED TO AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION--DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.--

A. The following amounts are appropriated from the general fund to the department of health for expenditure in fiscal year 2021:

(1) two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) for the department's contract with New Mexico state university for the establishment and operation of a regional office on autism spectrum disorder;

(2) three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) for the department's contract with New Mexico state university

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1 for the development, implementation and evaluation of programs
2 for youth and adults with autism spectrum disorder who have not
3 been allocated developmental disabilities medicaid waiver
4 supports and services;

5 (3) two hundred fifty thousand dollars
6 (\$250,000) for the department's contract with the center for
7 development and disability at the university of New Mexico for
8 the establishment of a regional office on autism spectrum
9 disorder to align all systems of care for individuals with
10 autism spectrum disorder; for the center's assistance of
11 individuals with autism spectrum disorder and their families;
12 and for the analysis of autism spectrum disorder policies for
13 recommendations to state agencies;

14 (4) three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000)
15 for the department's contract with the center for development
16 and disability at the university of New Mexico for the
17 development, implementation and evaluation of programs for
18 youth and adults who do not receive developmental disabilities
19 medicaid waiver supports and services;

20 (5) four hundred fifty thousand dollars
21 (\$450,000) for the department's contract with the center for
22 development and disability at the university of New Mexico for
23 the development and implementation of diagnostic and clinical
24 services for individuals who are over the age of twenty-one
25 years and to fund autism spectrum disorder evaluations for

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1 children; and

2 (6) one hundred fifty thousand dollars
3 (\$150,000) for the department's contract with the center for
4 development and disability at the university of New Mexico for
5 research related to autism spectrum disorder and the
6 establishment of a self-reported autism spectrum disorder
7 registry.

8 B. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance of an
9 appropriation made pursuant to this section remaining at the
10 end of fiscal year 2021 shall revert to the general fund.

11 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION--CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES
12 DEPARTMENT.--

13 A. The following amounts are appropriated from the
14 general fund to the children, youth and families department for
15 expenditure in fiscal year 2021:

16 (1) three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000)
17 to fund the development and implementation of a high-fidelity
18 wraparound supports and services model for children and youth
19 with autism spectrum disorder who have a high acuity of need;
20 and

21 (2) five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000)
22 to fund the department's contract with the center for
23 development and disability at the university of New Mexico for
24 the development of model services for a higher level of acuity
25 of care for inpatient hospitalizations, residential treatment

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1 and specialized group home services for individuals with autism
2 spectrum disorder.

3 B. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining
4 at the end of fiscal year 2021 shall revert to the general
5 fund.

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