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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION****WITHIN 24 HOURS OF BILL POSTING, UPLOAD ANALYSIS TO****[AgencyAnalysis.nmlegis.gov](https://AgencyAnalysis.nmlegis.gov) and email to [billanalysis@dfa.nm.gov](mailto:billanalysis@dfa.nm.gov)****(Analysis must be uploaded as a PDF)****SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION***{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}***Date Prepared:** 02/12/2025*Check all that apply:***Bill Number:** SB 2sOriginal ☐ Correction ☐Amendment ☐ Substitute ☒**Sponsor:** Benny Shendo, Jr., George K.  
Muñoz and David M. Gallegos**Short Title:** Appropriation for Public  
Health and Safety Initiatives**Agency Name****and Code**

790 – Department of Public Safety

**Number:****Person Writing** Louise Riebe**Phone:** 827-9080**Email:** Louise.Riebe@dps.nm**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT****APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
\$0.0	\$2,500.0	Nonrecurring Sec 7A	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate expenditure decreases)

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		
\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate revenue decreases)

**ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)**

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### **SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

#### **BILL SUMMARY**

Senate Bill 2 is the companion funding bill for Senate Bill 3 “Behavioral Health Reform and Investment Act”. The original bill, introduced on January 21, 2025, appropriated a total of \$92 million for 13 General Fund nonreverting public health and safety initiatives throughout the state.

Senate Finance Committee substitute dated February 12, 2025, makes the appropriations in the original bill reverting, and for use through FY 2029. The substitute also adds appropriations for 10 additional public health and safety initiatives, bringing the total to \$152 million for 23 initiatives.

#### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The Department of Public Safety (DPS) is a recipient of one (1) appropriation:

**SECTION 7.A. APPROPRIATION--DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY-- HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY--REGIONAL PLANNING--CRISIS RESPONSE AND RECOVERY** -- Two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the department of public safety for expenditure in fiscal years 2026 through 2029 to be used by law enforcement and behavioral health service providers to purchase regional mobile crisis response, recovery and outreach equipment and vehicles. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2029 shall revert to the behavioral health trust fund.

The New Mexico State Police (NMSP) is creating a new Crisis Intervention Response Team (CIRT) that will be staffed by current commissioned officers trained to respond to individuals experiencing mental health crises. As NMSP provides service and support to law enforcement agencies throughout the State, funds will be used to purchase equipment and vehicles to stand up the new Unit.

#### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

None to DPS.

#### **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

In addition, DPS is listed as a collaborating agency in two (2) appropriation with the Health Care Authority (HCA):

**SECTION 8. APPROPRIATIONS--HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY-- REGIONAL PLANNING--CRISIS RESPONSE AND RECOVERY TEAMS**--Eleven million five hundred thousand dollars (\$11,500,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the health care authority, in consultation with the *department of public safety*, for expenditure in fiscal years 2026 through 2029 for grants to counties, municipalities and Indian nations, tribes and pueblos based on the submitted regional plans for regional mobile crisis and recovery response, intervention and outreach teams and to support existing co-response models to transition to federally recognized mobile crisis team models to obtain medicaid reimbursement. Funding may also be used to support community-based mobile crisis teams and co-response coordination. Not more than five million five hundred thousand dollars (\$5,500,000) may be used by state agencies for regional mobile crisis and recovery response, intervention and outreach teams. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at

the end of fiscal year 2029 shall revert to the behavioral health trust fund.

DPS is excited to partner with HCA on this initiative as NMSP will request funding for regional mobile crisis and recovery response, intervention and outreach teams to de-escalate situations and provide support to ensure the safety and well-being of the individuals involved, diversion from the criminal justice system whenever possible, and connect them to appropriate mental health services.

**SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION--HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY-- REGIONAL PLANNING-- CRISIS INTERVENTION AND RESPONSE--**Two million dollars (\$2,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the health care authority, in consultation with the *department of public safety*, for expenditure in fiscal years 2026 through 2029 for grants to state agencies, counties and municipalities and Indian nations, tribes and pueblos based on the submitted regional plans for diversion, crisis intervention, collaborative and embedded crisis response, mental health, social work, provider technical assistance and community and intercept resources training. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2029 shall revert to the behavioral health trust fund.

DPS is, and will always be, available to provide consultation and guidance with all agencies and entities on law enforcement related initiatives and funding allocations.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

None for DPS.

#### **CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

2025 SB 3 “Behavioral Health Reform and Investment Act”.

#### **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

None identified by DPS.

#### **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

None identified by DPS.

#### **ALTERNATIVES**

None proposed by DPS.

#### **WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

Status quo will remain and funding will not be available for these critical initiatives and needs.

#### **AMENDMENTS**

None proposed by DPS.