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57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SPECIAL SESSION, 2025

AN ACT

RELATING TO GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS; MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FROM
LEGISLATIVE CASH BALANCES FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES OF THE FIRST
SPECIAL SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE; MAKING AN
APPROPRIATION TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS FOR
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PILOTS AND PROGRAMS; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION
TO THE INDIAN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION AND
PUBLIC RADIO; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE HEALTH CARE
AUTHORITY FOR FOOD AND MEDICAL SERVICES ASSISTANCE AND STAFFING
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COSTS; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO
THE AGING AND LONG-TERM SERVICES DEPARTMENT; MAKING AN
APPROPRIATION TO THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE
DEPARTMENT; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE PUBLIC EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE REGULATION AND
LICENSING DEPARTMENT FOR A SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST AND
IMPLEMENTATION OF AN INTERSTATE COMPACT; MAKING AN

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1 APPROPRIATION TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF NEW MEXICO STATE
2 UNIVERSITY FOR A COLLEGE ASSISTANCE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM; MAKING
3 CERTAIN TRANSFERS; REVERTING CERTAIN BALANCES FROM A LAWS 2023
4 GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION TO THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT.
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6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

7 **SECTION 1. SPECIAL SESSION--APPROPRIATIONS.--**

8 A. The following amounts are appropriated from
9 legislative cash balances for expenditure in fiscal year 2026
10 for the following expenses of the first special session of the
11 fifty-seventh legislature. Any unexpended balance remaining at
12 the end of fiscal year 2026 shall revert to legislative cash
13 balances:

14 (1) for the expense of the house of
15 representatives, one hundred five thousand dollars (\$105,000)
16 to be disbursed on vouchers signed by the speaker and the chief
17 clerk of the house of representatives or the chief clerk's
18 designee;

19 (2) for the expense of the senate, seventy
20 thousand dollars (\$70,000) to be disbursed on vouchers signed
21 by the chair of the committees' committee and the chief clerk
22 of the senate or the chief clerk's designee; and

23 (3) for the expense of the legislative council
24 service, sixty-five thousand dollars (\$65,000) to be disbursed
25 on vouchers signed by the director of the legislative council

1 service or the director's designee.

2 B. Following adjournment of the first special
3 session of the fifty-seventh legislature, expenditures
4 authorized in this section shall be disbursed on vouchers
5 signed by the director of the legislative council service or
6 the director's designee.

7 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION--ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE**
8 **COURTS.--**One million dollars (\$1,000,000) is appropriated from
9 the general fund to the administrative office of the courts for
10 expenditure in fiscal year 2026 for the expansion of
11 assisted outpatient treatment programs, competency diversion
12 pilot programs and other behavioral health pilot programs. Any
13 unexpended balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2026
14 shall revert to the general fund.

15 **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION--EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION AND**
16 **PUBLIC RADIO.--**Four hundred twenty-nine thousand five hundred
17 twenty-seven dollars (\$429,527) is appropriated from the
18 general fund to the Indian affairs department for expenditure
19 in fiscal year 2026 for educational television and
20 public radio provided by and for Indian nations, tribes and
21 pueblos. Any unexpended balance remaining at the end of fiscal
22 year 2026 shall revert to the general fund.

23 **SECTION 4. APPROPRIATIONS--HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY.--**The
24 following amounts are appropriated from the general fund to the
25 health care authority for expenditure in fiscal year 2026.

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1 Any unexpended balance remaining at the end of fiscal
2 year 2026 shall revert to the general fund:

3 A. four million six hundred thousand dollars
4 (\$4,600,000) to maintain the minimum federal supplemental
5 nutrition assistance program benefit for elders and people with
6 disabilities;

7 B. one million two hundred forty-six thousand
8 dollars (\$1,246,000) to prevent layoffs of employees
9 administering the federal supplemental nutrition assistance
10 program nutrition education and obesity prevention grant
11 program at the university of New Mexico and New Mexico state
12 university;

13 C. twelve million dollars (\$12,000,000) to support
14 food banks, food pantries, regional distribution organizations
15 and partner agencies in the state to ensure access to
16 nutritious food, including two million five hundred thousand
17 dollars (\$2,500,000) for capacity building, transportation,
18 logistics and operational expenses;

19 D. two million dollars (\$2,000,000) to support
20 educational-based centers and food pantry and food distribution
21 programs in consultation with the early childhood education and
22 care department, the public education department and the higher
23 education department;

24 E. one million five hundred thousand dollars
25 (\$1,500,000) to, in consultation with the workforce solutions

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1 department, support individuals in meeting work and volunteer
 2 requirements necessary to qualify for benefits under the
 3 federal supplemental nutrition assistance program and the state
 4 medicaid program;

5 F. four million four hundred thousand dollars
 6 (\$4,400,000) for additional staffing and administrative costs
 7 for the income support division of the authority;

8 G. two million two hundred thousand dollars
 9 (\$2,200,000) for services, additional staffing and
 10 administrative costs for the medical assistance division of the
 11 authority; and

12 H. ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) for updates to
 13 information technology and other costs related to changes to
 14 eligibility requirements for medicaid and the federal
 15 supplemental nutrition assistance program made by Public Law
 16 No. 119-21, including one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000)
 17 to develop a software application to assist individuals in
 18 meeting work and volunteer requirements necessary to qualify
 19 for benefits under the federal supplemental nutrition
 20 assistance program and the state medicaid program.

21 **SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION--AGING AND LONG-TERM SERVICES**
 22 **DEPARTMENT.--**Ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) is appropriated
 23 from the general fund to the aging and long-term services
 24 department for expenditure in fiscal year 2026 for senior meal
 25 programs. Any unexpended balance remaining at the end of

fiscal year 2026 shall revert to the general fund.

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION--EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE DEPARTMENT.--Five million dollars (\$5,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the early childhood education and care department for expenditure in fiscal year 2026 for food assistance to child care centers. Any unexpended balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2026 shall revert to the general fund.

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION--PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.--Five million dollars (\$5,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the public education department for expenditure in fiscal year 2026 for food assistance for students in kindergarten through twelfth grade. Any unexpended balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2026 shall revert to the general fund.

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATIONS--REGULATION AND LICENSING DEPARTMENT.--The following amounts are appropriated from the general fund to the regulation and licensing department for expenditure in fiscal year 2026. Any unexpended balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2026 shall revert to the general fund:

A. seven million eight hundred seventy-nine thousand six hundred six dollars (\$7,879,606) for projected shortfalls in operating expenses and to remediate cash deficits; and

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1 B. one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to
2 implement interstate compacts regarding health care
3 professionals.

4 **SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION--NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY.--**

5 Four hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$450,000) is appropriated
6 from the general fund to the board of regents of New Mexico
7 state university for expenditure in fiscal year 2026 for the
8 university's college assistance program to provide post-
9 secondary educational needs of United States citizens and
10 permanent legal residents who worked as migratory seasonal
11 farmworkers, dairy workers and ranch workers. Any unexpended
12 balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2026 shall revert
13 to the general fund.

14 **SECTION 10. TRANSFERS.--**

15 A. Thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) is
16 transferred from the general fund to the appropriation
17 contingency fund.

18 B. Fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) is
19 transferred from the general fund to the rural health care
20 delivery fund; provided that the money shall not be used for
21 abortion services or gender-affirming health care.

22 **SECTION 11. REVERSION OF BALANCES FROM LAWS 2023 GENERAL**
23 **FUND APPROPRIATION TO THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT.--**On the
24 effective date of this act, one hundred twenty million dollars
25 (\$120,000,000) of the unexpended balance of the appropriation

1 to the human services department for the medical assistance
2 program in the other category as provided in Laws 2023, Chapter
3 210, Section 4 shall revert to the general fund operating
4 reserve, and within thirty days of the effective date of this
5 act, the department of finance and administration shall
6 transfer such unexpended balance to the general fund operating
7 reserve.

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