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HOUSE BILL 76

57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2026

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AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY TO
CONTRACT FOR SERVICES TO DEVELOP ALTERNATIVE PLACEMENTS FOR
YOUTH IN STATE CUSTODY.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.--Ten million dollars
(\$10,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
health care authority for expenditure in fiscal years 2027
through 2029 to contract for services with providers with
relevant experience to develop alternative placements to
congregate care for youth in state custody that can capably
serve and support older youth and youth with higher levels of
need, with the purpose of expanding the continuum of care
availability, including: acute psychiatric hospital
expansions, residential treatment centers, qualified

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1 residential treatment programs, adolescent detoxification
2 facilities, step-down facilities for youth in crisis, mobile
3 response and stabilization teams for youth in crisis, treatment
4 foster care homes, day treatment services, intensive outpatient
5 and partial hospitalization services. Any unexpended balance
6 remaining at the end of fiscal year 2029 shall revert to the
7 general fund.