

1 SENATE BILL

2 **57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2026**

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7 FOR THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES; REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
12 TO ESTABLISH A UNIVERSAL BASIC INCOME PILOT PROGRAM AND TO
13 EVALUATE THE IMPACTS OF UNIVERSAL BASIC INCOME ON PREGNANT
14 PEOPLE; REQUIRING THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE
15 DEPARTMENT OR AN APPROVED ENTITY TO CONDUCT HOME VISITS FOR
16 PARTICIPANTS IN THE PILOT PROGRAM; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

19 **SECTION 1. TEMPORARY PROVISION--UNIVERSAL BASIC INCOME
20 PILOT PROGRAM.--**

21 A. As used in this section, "program" means the
22 universal basic income pilot program.

23 B. The "universal basic income pilot program" is
24 created as a two-year pilot program administered by the
25 department of health to evaluate the financial impact on a

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1 pregnant person of providing a universal basic income from
2 pregnancy through the first year of life of an infant.

3 C. The department of health shall develop an
4 application process for participants to voluntarily enroll in
5 the program. The program shall consist of a control group of
6 participants and a test group of participants. Participants in
7 the program shall:

8 (1) be pregnant at the time of applying to
9 participate in the program; and

10 (2) have an income at or below one hundred
11 fifty percent of the federal poverty level.

12 D. The program shall begin on July 1, 2026 and
13 shall end on June 30, 2028. The program shall proceed with the
14 following limitations; provided that the control group shall
15 not be subject to these limitations:

16 (1) the department of health shall distribute
17 to participants a universal basic income of one thousand five
18 hundred dollars (\$1,500) per month through the duration of the
19 program;

20 (2) participants shall receive home visitation
21 from employees of the early childhood education and care
22 department or an entity approved by that department;

23 (3) participants shall complete surveys and
24 research forms throughout the duration of the program;

25 (4) participants shall attend prenatal care

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1 appointments with a health care provider as defined pursuant to
2 the Public Health Act in a frequency recommended by the health
3 care provider; and

4 (5) if a participant fails to comply with the
5 provisions of Paragraphs (2) through (4) of this subsection,
6 that participant shall be placed in the control group for the
7 remainder of the program.

8 E. The department of health shall report the
9 findings of the program to the legislative education study
10 committee no later than December 1, 2028.

11 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.**--Eighty million dollars
12 (\$80,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
13 department of health for expenditure in fiscal years 2027 and
14 2028 to conduct a universal basic income pilot program. Any
15 unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of
16 fiscal year 2028 shall revert to the general fund.

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