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56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2023

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FOR THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FOR
A STUDY TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF A PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES
FREE TUITION TO GRADUATE STUDENTS IN PSYCHOLOGY, PSYCHIATRIC
NURSING, SOCIAL WORK AND COUNSELING PROGRAMS.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.--One hundred thousand dollars
(\$100,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the higher
education department for expenditure in fiscal year 2024 to
conduct a study to determine the feasibility of a program that
provides free tuition to graduate students in psychology,
psychiatric nursing, social work and counseling programs in
exchange for the graduate student's commitment to practice in
New Mexico for a minimum of four years following graduation.

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