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HOUSE BILL 63

51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2014

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FOR THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH CARE; ENACTING A TEMPORARY PROVISION TO REQUIRE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION TO WORK WITH LUNA, GRANT AND HIDALGO COUNTIES TO CREATE A SINGLE, THREE-YEAR DEMONSTRATION PROJECT TO PROVIDE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS IN OR RELEASED FROM COUNTY DETENTION CENTER CUSTODY; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. TEMPORARY PROVISION--DEMONSTRATION PROJECT--
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR INMATES OF COUNTY DETENTION CENTER FACILITIES.--

A. The local government division of the department of finance and administration shall enter into memoranda of understanding with Luna, Grant and Hidalgo counties to create a

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1 single, three-year demonstration project in those counties to
2 provide behavioral health services to inmates of county
3 detention center facilities and to individuals who have been
4 released from county detention center custody. The project
5 shall:

6 (1) provide participants that the local
7 government division of department of finance and administration
8 and the three counties choose and who volunteer to participate
9 in the demonstration project with:

10 (a) on-site comprehensive, evidence-
11 based or promising-practice behavioral health services;

12 (b) coordination of treatment with
13 community providers;

14 (c) supportive training for county
15 detention center staff that links to community behavioral
16 health providers;

17 (d) behavioral health services for
18 individuals who have been released from county detention center
19 custody;

20 (e) the following services for
21 individuals who are scheduled to be released or who have been
22 released from detention center custody: 1) life-skills
23 planning and coordination; 2) life-skills classes; and 3)
24 community case management; and

25 (f) a plan for continuous quality

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1 improvement of the services provided pursuant to the
2 demonstration project; and

3 (2) record progress pursuant to benchmark
4 measures that the local government division of the department
5 of finance and administration and the participating counties
6 establish, including a measure of the return on investment for
7 the demonstration project.

8 B. In accordance with rules that the secretary of
9 finance and administration shall adopt and promulgate, the
10 demonstration project shall measure its progress in reaching
11 the following goals:

12 (1) decreasing recidivism in Luna, Grant and
13 Hidalgo counties;

14 (2) increasing inmates' success upon return to
15 the community;

16 (3) decreasing detention center costs for
17 behavioral health and substance abuse treatment services; and

18 (4) increasing public safety.

19 C. The local government division of the department
20 of the finance and administration shall record as baseline data
21 relating to state fiscal year 2013 the following data averaged
22 among the Grant, Luna and Hidalgo detention centers:

23 (1) inmate average cost per day;

24 (2) the cost per month for pharmaceuticals;

25 (3) monthly behavioral health transports,

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1 including emergency room and behavioral health service
2 providers;

3 (4) an average per month of the time staff
4 spends related to offsite behavioral health and physical health
5 services visits;

6 (5) the average number of county inmate
7 hospital admissions related to behavioral health matters; and

8 (6) the average monthly recidivism rate.

9 D. By November 1, 2015 and by November 1, 2016 and
10 2017, the director of local government division of the
11 department of finance and administration shall report the data
12 required pursuant to this act to the legislative health and
13 human services committee and the legislative finance committee.

14 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.**--Five hundred sixty-three
15 thousand one hundred eighty dollars (\$563,180) is appropriated
16 from the general fund to the local government division of the
17 department of finance and administration for expenditure in
18 fiscal year 2015 to fund a demonstration project to provide
19 behavioral health services to individuals who are inmates of
20 county detention center facilities and individuals who have
21 been released from county detention center custody. Any
22 unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of
23 fiscal year 2015 shall revert to the general fund.