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HOUSE BILL 77

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

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC ASSISTANCE; REQUIRING THE HEALTH CARE
AUTHORITY TO DEVELOP ANNUAL FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM STATE OUTREACH PLANS.

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

SECTION 1. A new section of the Public Assistance Act is
enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM OUTREACH PLANS.--

A. The authority shall develop annual federal
supplemental nutrition assistance program state outreach plans
to promote access to the benefits of the federal supplemental
nutrition assistance program. Each year, the authority shall
submit the annual state outreach plan to the food and nutrition
service of the United States department of agriculture on or

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1 before the deadline specified by the food and nutrition
2 service. Upon approval of an annual state outreach plan, the
3 authority shall maximize federal funding for the plan by
4 submitting a request to the food and nutrition service for all
5 available matching funding that the federal government offers
6 for state outreach plans. The authority may seek matching
7 federal funds, gifts, grants and donations to develop and
8 implement an annual state outreach plan.

9 B. The authority may partner with one or more
10 counties, municipalities, tribal governments or nonprofit
11 organizations for purposes of developing and implementing an
12 annual state outreach plan. The authority may contractually
13 require an entity with which the authority partners for
14 services related to developing or implementing an annual state
15 outreach plan to seek gifts, grants or donations to fund the
16 development or implementation of the annual state outreach
17 program.

18 C. The authority shall be exempt from implementing
19 an annual state outreach plan if the authority does not receive
20 enough state, local, private or federal funds to cover the
21 implementation and administration costs of the annual state
22 outreach plan."