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HOUSE BILL 70

**56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2024**

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AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE STATE EQUALIZATION GUARANTEE  
DISTRIBUTION OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND TO PROVIDE SCHOOL-BASED  
MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS IN PUBLIC MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.--Thirty-eight million dollars  
(\$38,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the  
state equalization guarantee distribution of the public school  
fund for expenditure in fiscal year 2025 to provide school-  
based mental health counselors in public middle and high  
schools. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at  
the end of fiscal year 2025 shall revert to the general fund.  
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