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SENATE BILL 165

53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2018

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AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH; ENACTING THE HEPATITIS C REGISTRY ACT;
CREATING A HEPATITIS C REGISTRY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO
HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER; ESTABLISHING THE HEPATITIS C REGISTRY
FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. ~~[NEW MATERIAL]~~ SHORT TITLE.--This act may be
cited as the "Hepatitis C Registry Act".

SECTION 2. ~~[NEW MATERIAL]~~ DEFINITIONS.--As used in the
Hepatitis C Registry Act:

A. "center" means the clinical and translational
science center bioinformatics group of the university of New
Mexico health sciences center;

B. "chancellor" means the chancellor for health
sciences of the university of New Mexico;

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1 C. "director" means the director of the registry;
2 and

3 D. "registry" means the hepatitis C registry
4 created and operated pursuant to the Hepatitis C Registry Act.

5 SECTION 3. [NEW MATERIAL] UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO HEALTH
6 SCIENCES CENTER--HEPATITIS C REGISTRY.--The "hepatitis C
7 registry" is created at the clinical and translational science
8 center of the university of New Mexico health sciences center.
9 The center shall use the registry to monitor and measure
10 progress in hepatitis C elimination among New Mexico residents
11 statewide, including the number of individuals tested, treated
12 and cured of hepatitis C and related conditions. The center
13 shall use the registry to store the following information:

14 A. demographic information relating to individuals
15 exposed to the hepatitis C virus, including each individual's:

- 16 (1) age;
- 17 (2) gender;
- 18 (3) ethnicity;
- 19 (4) race; and
- 20 (5) zip code or other geolocation indicator;

21 B. clinical data relating to individuals believed
22 to have been exposed or known to have been exposed to the
23 hepatitis C virus, including:

- 24 (1) the results of testing relating to
25 diagnosis and treatment of hepatitis C and related conditions;

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1 (2) treatment data, including whether an
2 individual has been treated for hepatitis C; the type of
3 treatments administered; and treatment outcomes;

4 (3) liver function tests; and

5 (4) hepatitis B vaccinations; and

6 C. information relating to sites treating hepatitis
7 C, including:

8 (1) the zip code or other geolocation
9 indicator; and

10 (2) the profession and specialty of the health
11 care provider.

12 SECTION 4. [NEW MATERIAL] REGISTRY DIRECTOR--ACCESS--
13 STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES.--

14 A. The chancellor shall appoint a director of the
15 registry. Access to the registry shall be limited to:

16 (1) individuals and entities that the
17 chancellor approves for access; and

18 (2) the hepatitis C research group of the
19 university of New Mexico health sciences center.

20 B. The director shall establish standard operating
21 procedures for access to and use and storage of information in
22 the registry.

23 SECTION 5. [NEW MATERIAL] HEPATITIS C REGISTRY FUND--
24 CREATION.--The "hepatitis C registry fund" is created in the
25 state treasury. The fund consists of state general fund

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1 appropriations. Money in the fund shall not revert to any
2 other fund at the end of a fiscal year. The board of regents
3 of the university of New Mexico shall administer the fund, and
4 money in the fund is appropriated to the board of regents of
5 the university of New Mexico to carry out the provisions of the
6 Hepatitis C Registry Act. Money in the fund shall be disbursed
7 on warrants signed by the secretary of finance and
8 administration pursuant to vouchers signed by the board of
9 regents of the university of New Mexico or the board's
10 authorized representative.