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HOUSE BILL 353

45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

**MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO BENEFIT PERSONS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL
DISABILITIES AND SERVICE PROVIDERS AND TO COMPLY WITH CERTAIN
FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS.**

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

Section 1. APPROPRIATION--PURPOSES. --

**A. Eleven million eight hundred twenty thousand
dollars (\$11,820,000) is appropriated from the general fund to
the department of health for expenditure in fiscal year 2002
in the following amounts for the following purposes:**

**(1) seven million dollars (\$7,000,000) for an
increase in reimbursement rates under the developmental
disabilities waiver program in order to provide for staff
recruitment and retention efforts, including health insurance
coverage, overtime costs and a living wage of a minimum of ten**

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1 dollars (\$10.00) per hour;

2 (2) three million dollars (\$3,000,000) for an
3 increase in the reimbursement rates for services provided
4 exclusively with general fund appropriations, in order to move
5 toward staff salary parity with those services provided under
6 the developmental disabilities waiver program;

7 (3) one million seven hundred thousand
8 dollars (\$1,700,000) to design and implement new models of
9 early intervention services for children, as recommended in
10 recent federal audit findings and to comply with federal law;
11 and

12 (4) one hundred twenty thousand dollars
13 (\$120,000) to expand respite services to provide families and
14 primary care givers with relief from the full-time attention
15 necessary for many persons with developmental disabilities.

16 B. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance
17 remaining at the end of fiscal year 2002 shall revert to the
18 general fund.