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HOUSE BILL 736

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

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AN ACT

**RELATING TO THE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES DEPARTMENT;
ESTABLISHING DUTIES IN REGARD TO CHILD-CARE REIMBURSEMENT;
AMENDING A SECTION OF THE NMSA 1978.**

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

**Section 1. Section 9-2A-8 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1992,
Chapter 57, Section 8, as amended) is amended to read:**

**"9-2A-8. DEPARTMENT--ADDITIONAL DUTIES.--In addition to
other duties provided by law or assigned to the department by
the governor, the department shall:**

**A. develop priorities for state services and
resources arising out of state policy and local planning
processes;**

**B. strengthen collaboration and coordination in
state and local services for children, youth and families;**

underscored material = new
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1 C. develop and maintain a statewide database,
2 including client tracking of services for children, youth and
3 families;

4 D. develop and disseminate a readily accessible
5 resource database;

6 E. develop and use community or regional councils
7 to establish community priorities and service strategies in
8 order to enhance community-level decision-making and creative
9 solutions;

10 F. develop standards of service that focus on
11 coordination, monitoring and accountability, including the
12 development of a plan for both process and outcome assessment
13 and evaluation;

14 G. review and comment on policies of other
15 departments that affect children, youth and families,
16 including assisting in the development of common contracting
17 procedures and common service definitions;

18 H. develop a uniform system of access to services
19 for children, youth and families; [and]

20 I. enact regulations to control disposition and
21 placement of children under the Children's Code, including
22 regulations to limit or prohibit the out-of-state placement of
23 children, including those who are developmentally disabled or
24 mentally disordered, when in-state alternatives are available;
25 and

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