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**SENATE BILL 219**

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

**INTRODUCED BY**

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**AN ACT**

**MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR HOMELESS  
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.**

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

**Section 1. APPROPRIATION. --Two hundred thousand dollars  
(\$200,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the  
department of finance and administration for expenditure in  
fiscal year 2002 to allow the state housing authority to  
establish a homelessness prevention program. Any unexpended  
or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year  
2002 shall revert to the general fund.**

**Section 2. PROGRAM - RULES. --**

**A. The appropriation provided in Section 1 of this  
act is for housing assistance to families and individuals to  
prevent eviction or foreclosure by providing short-term rental**

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1 assistance, mortgage payments and rental deposits. There  
2 shall be no more than three months' rental assistance or  
3 mortgage payments per household.

4 B. The state housing authority shall establish  
5 rules to implement and administer the homelessness prevention  
6 program, including establishing an income ceiling of no more  
7 than thirty-five percent of the New Mexico median family  
8 income.

9 Section 3. APPROPRIATION. -- One hundred thousand dollars  
10 (\$100,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the  
11 children, youth and families department for expenditure in  
12 fiscal year 2002 for special child care for homeless children,  
13 to include group, individual and play therapy activities that  
14 address special circumstances of homeless children and  
15 families. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at  
16 the end of fiscal year 2002 shall revert to the general fund.