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**HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 67**

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

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**A JOINT MEMORIAL**

**REQUESTING STATE DEPARTMENTS TO DEVELOP A PLAN OF CARE FOR  
CERTAIN PERSONS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES WHO LOSE  
COVERAGE AND SERVICES DUE TO BECOMING AN ADULT AT THE AGE OF  
EIGHTEEN.**

**WHEREAS, a child with developmental disabilities enrolled  
in a specialized foster care program funded exclusively by  
general fund money is automatically terminated from eligibility  
for services upon reaching his eighteenth birthday; and**

**WHEREAS, the abrupt termination of services could  
jeopardize a child's health, safety and welfare and lead to  
homelessness; and**

**WHEREAS, such a child may be eligible for developmentally  
disabled medicaid waiver services, but may not receive them**

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1 upon turning eighteen due to being placed on the waiting list  
2 for these services; and

3 WHEREAS, it is possible for the children, youth and  
4 families department, the human services department and the  
5 department of health to work together to create a smooth  
6 transition of services, bridging a child's transition from  
7 chronological dependence to independence, in the best interests  
8 of both the child and his foster family;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
10 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the children, youth and families  
11 department, the human services department and the department of  
12 health work to ensure that a child receiving specialized foster  
13 care services is provided an uninterrupted transition from that  
14 program to the developmentally disabled medicaid waiver  
15 program; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
17 transmitted to the secretaries of the respective departments  
18 mentioned.