

1 HOUSE BILL 235

2 **51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2014**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO CHILD CRIME VICTIMS; CREATING THE CHILD CRIME
12 VICTIMS ADVOCACY FUND; ESTABLISHING PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS;
13 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

16 SECTION 1. [NEW MATERIAL] COURT FEES--DEPOSIT IN CHILD
17 CRIME VICTIMS ADVOCACY FUND.--

18 A. In addition to any other fees collected in the
19 district court, metropolitan court and magistrate court, those
20 courts shall assess and collect from a person convicted of a
21 penalty assessment misdemeanor, traffic violation, petty
22 misdemeanor, misdemeanor or felony offense a child crime
23 victims advocacy fee of two dollars (\$2.00).

24 B. Child crime victims advocacy fees shall be
25 deposited in the child crime victims advocacy fund.

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1 SECTION 2. [NEW MATERIAL] CHILD CRIME VICTIMS ADVOCACY
2 FUND CREATED--APPROPRIATION--PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.--

3 A. The "child crime victims advocacy fund" is
4 created in the state treasury. All fees collected pursuant to
5 the provisions of Section 1 of this act shall be transmitted
6 monthly to the department of finance and administration for
7 credit to the child crime victims advocacy fund.

8 B. Balances in the child crime victims advocacy
9 fund are appropriated to the administrative office of the
10 district attorneys to provide funds to child crime victims
11 advocacy programs to defray the cost of providing treatment or
12 intervention to children who are victims of crime. Unexpended
13 or unencumbered balances remaining in the fund at the end of
14 any fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund.

15 C. Payments out of the child crime victims advocacy
16 fund shall be made on warrants signed by the secretary of
17 finance and administration pursuant to vouchers issued and
18 signed by the director of the administrative office of the
19 district attorneys.

20 D. In order to be eligible for money from the child
21 crime victims advocacy fund, a child crime victims advocacy
22 program shall include the following components:

23 (1) use of a safe house to provide a secure
24 environment for a child;

25 (2) the use of child forensic interviews by

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1 forensic interviewers who have completed forty hours of
2 nationally accredited forensic interviewing training;

3 (3) personnel trained as advocates for child
4 victims of crimes; and

5 (4) the use of multidisciplinary teams,
6 including forensic interviewers, law enforcement, child
7 protective services, mental health services, medical
8 professionals and victim advocacy services.

9 SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
10 provisions of this act is July 1, 2014.