

1 SENATE BILL 68

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

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8 FOR THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

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10 AN ACT

11 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO FUND THE
12 CREATION OF EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEES WITHIN COUNTY
13 AND TRIBAL HEALTH COUNCILS.

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

16 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.--

17 A. Nine hundred seventy-five thousand dollars
18 (\$975,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
19 department of health for expenditure in fiscal year 2015 to
20 fund the creation and operation of early childhood services
21 committees within county and tribal health councils. The early
22 childhood services committees shall be charged with:

23 (1) conducting an annual "gap" analysis that
24 compares the need for early childhood services in the state and
25 the capacity of those early childhood services that are

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- 1 available to meet the need;
- 2 (2) conducting early childhood service
- 3 training;
- 4 (3) collecting and sharing data and resources
- 5 on maximizing the effectiveness of early childhood services;
- 6 (4) developing annual needs assessments of
- 7 early childhood services;
- 8 (5) conducting campaigns on the prevention of
- 9 child maltreatment; and
- 10 (6) developing an online portal to facilitate
- 11 primary care referral of children at risk to early childhood
- 12 and family support services.

13 B. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining
14 at the end of fiscal year 2015 shall revert to the general
15 fund.