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AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS; ALLOWING  
THE DIRECTOR TO RECEIVE FUNDS TO CARRY OUT THE DUTIES OF THE  
OFFICE.

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

SECTION 1. Section 34-9-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1959,  
Chapter 162, Section 3, as amended) is amended to read:

"34-9-3. DIRECTOR--DUTIES.--The director of the  
administrative office of the courts shall, under the  
supervision and direction of the supreme court:

A. supervise all matters relating to  
administration of the courts;

B. examine fiscal matters and the state of the  
dockets of the courts, secure information as to the courts'  
need of assistance and prepare and transmit to the supreme  
court statistical data and reports as to the business of the  
courts;

C. submit to the supreme court and to the  
legislature by January 30 of each year a report of the  
activities of the administrative office of the courts and of  
the state of business of the courts, including the  
statistical data submitted to the supreme court pursuant to  
Subsection B of this section, and the director's  
recommendations. This report is a public document;

1           D. deal with the problems of finance of those  
2 courts supported by legislative appropriation and be  
3 concerned with adequate but economical financing of each of  
4 these courts and the equitable distribution of available  
5 funds among them. For this purpose, the director shall  
6 receive, adjust and approve proposed budgets submitted by  
7 these courts prior to submission of the budgets to the state  
8 budget division of the department of finance and  
9 administration for inclusion in the executive budget. The  
10 district courts of all counties within a judicial district  
11 shall be included within a single budget. Budget proposals  
12 shall be submitted by the courts at the time and in the form  
13 prescribed by the director;

14           E. perform other duties in aid of the  
15 administration of justice and the administration and dispatch  
16 of the business of the courts as directed by the supreme  
17 court. The courts shall comply with all requests of the  
18 director for information;

19           F. encourage that any behavioral health services,  
20 including mental health and substance abuse services, funded,  
21 provided, contracted for or approved by the administrative  
22 office of the courts be in compliance with the requirements  
23 of Section 9-7-6.4 NMSA 1978; and

24           G. apply for and receive, in the name of the  
25 administrative office of the courts, any public or private

