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HOUSE BILL 314

**44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION,
2000**

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FOR THE WELFARE REFORM OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC ASSISTANCE; CREATING A PILOT PROGRAM TO
PROVIDE COMPENSATION TO CERTAIN RELATIVES WHO PROVIDE CHILD
CARE.

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

Section 1. PILOT PROJECT--CHILD-CARE PROVIDERS.--

A. The children, youth and families department shall develop a child-care provider pilot program for participants of the New Mexico works program to run from July 1, 2000 to July 1, 2002. The department shall select at least five rural areas in the state that lack certified or registered child-care providers as sites for the child-care provider pilot program.

B. The child-care provider pilot program shall allow a person who is a licensed or registered child-care provider pursuant to the rules of the children, youth and

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1 families department and who resides with a benefit group, as
2 defined in the New Mexico Works Act, to be compensated for
3 providing child care to minor members of the benefit group
4 even if the child-care provider is related to them; provided
5 that the minor member of the benefit group and the child-care
6 provider are not related closer than or beyond the second
7 degree of consanguinity or affinity.

8 C. The child-care provider shall provide to the
9 children, youth and families department verification of his
10 relationship to the minor members of the benefit group with
11 which he resides.

12 D. The children, youth and families department
13 shall inspect the home to ensure that all health and safety
14 standards are met.