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HOUSE BILL 315

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

INTRODUCED BY
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FOR THE WELFARE REFORM OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO PROVIDE MATCHING STATE FUNDS TO
THE NAVAJO NATION; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Section 1. APPROPRIATION.--Four million five hundred
thousand dollars (\$4,500,000) is appropriated from the
general fund to the human services department for expenditure
in fiscal years 2000 and 2001 for the purpose of providing
matching state funds to the Navajo nation. Expenditure of
any of the appropriation is contingent upon either the
approval by the United States department of health and human
services of the Navajo family assistance plan as provided in
Section 412 of the Personal Responsibility and Work
Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 or of a Section 638
contract as provided in the Indian Self-Determination Act.
Expenditure of any of the appropriation is contingent upon

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1 certification by the secretary of human services to the
2 secretary of finance and administration that the Navajo
3 nation has entered into an agreement with the human services
4 department that provides for appropriate administrative and
5 accounting procedures and oversight by the human services
6 department to ensure that expenditures will meet all federal
7 and state requirements for maintenance of effort. The
8 appropriation shall not be expended for any purpose that may
9 jeopardize its classification as maintenance of effort. The
10 appropriation shall be reported by the human services
11 department as maintenance of effort. Any unexpended or
12 unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2001
13 shall revert to the general fund.

14 Section 2. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public
15 peace, health and safety that this act take effect
16 immediately.