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**HOUSE BILL 212**

**45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001**

**INTRODUCED BY**

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**AN ACT**

**MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING AN ARRAY OF SERVICES TO CHILDREN AT RISK OF BEING REFERRED OR CHILDREN REFERRED TO THE JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVISION OF THE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES DEPARTMENT.**

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

**Section 1. ARRAY OF SERVICES AND PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AT RISK OF BEING REFERRED OR CHILDREN REFERRED TO THE JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVISION OF THE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES DEPARTMENT-- FINDINGS. --**

**A. The legislature finds that it is in the interest of the state to continue to make available a wide array of comprehensive and effective services, programs and facilities for children at risk of being referred or children referred to the juvenile justice division of the children,**

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1 youth and families department.

2 B. It is the intent of the legislature that a  
3 balanced and restorative juvenile justice system be premised  
4 upon the guiding principles of community protection,  
5 accountability and competency development.

6 C. It is the intent of the legislature that  
7 juvenile justice services and programs be:

8 (1) provided by state employees; or

9 (2) provided via contracts for the services  
10 or programs pursuant to the provisions of the Procurement  
11 Code.

12 Section 2. ARRAY OF SERVICES AND PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN  
13 AT RISK OF BEING REFERRED OR CHILDREN REFERRED TO THE JUVENILE  
14 JUSTICE DIVISION OF THE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES  
15 DEPARTMENT-- APPROPRIATIONS. --

16 A. To provide an array of services and programs  
17 for children at risk of being referred or children referred to  
18 the juvenile justice division of the children, youth and  
19 families department, the following amounts are appropriated  
20 from the general fund to the children, youth and families  
21 department for expenditure in fiscal year 2002 for the  
22 following purposes:

23 (1) one hundred fifty thousand dollars  
24 (\$150,000) for the purpose of contracting with community-based  
25 providers for the provision of community and victim

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1 restoration programs, including mentoring programs, mediation  
2 programs and community involvement programs;

3 (2) one hundred fifty thousand dollars  
4 (\$150,000) for the purpose of contracting with community-based  
5 providers for the provision of family preservation programs  
6 for children at risk of being removed from their homes;

7 (3) two hundred fifty thousand dollars  
8 (\$250,000) for the purpose of contracting for a statewide sex  
9 offender program for children adjudicated or at risk of being  
10 adjudicated for a sexual offense. The statewide sex offender  
11 program for children shall also include program services at  
12 the juvenile justice division facilities. The statewide sex  
13 offender program shall also provide assessment services,  
14 treatment services and aftercare services;

15 (4) two hundred fifty thousand dollars  
16 (\$250,000) for the purpose of contracting for the recruiting,  
17 training and providing foster homes for children referred to  
18 the juvenile justice division of the children, youth and  
19 families department. The foster homes shall be reimbursed at  
20 the special needs foster home rate; and

21 (5) one hundred fifty thousand dollars  
22 (\$150,000) for the purpose of contracting with a program  
23 located in an urban area to provide an urban construction  
24 corps program. The urban construction corps shall offer  
25 programming that teaches employable skills, including home

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1 renovation and home construction skills, for children referred  
2 to the juvenile justice division of the children, youth and  
3 families department.

4 B. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance  
5 remaining at the end of fiscal year 2002 shall revert to the  
6 general fund.

7 Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. -- The effective date of the  
8 provisions of this act is July 1, 2001.

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