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**HOUSE BILL 34**

**47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2005**

**INTRODUCED BY**

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**AN ACT**

**MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR STATEWIDE PROGRAMS THAT AFFECT NEW  
MEXICO CHILDREN.**

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

**Section 1. APPROPRIATION. --**

**A. The following amounts are appropriated from the  
general fund to the administrative office of the courts for  
expenditure in fiscal year 2006 for the following purposes:**

**(1) three hundred fifty-six thousand three  
hundred thirteen dollars (\$356,313) for court-appointed  
attorney fee to increase the number of compensated hours paid  
statewide to attorneys in abuse and neglect cases;**

**(2) three hundred five thousand six hundred  
seventy-six dollars (\$305,676) to replace federal grant funds  
for mediation services in abuse and neglect cases in the**

1 second, fifth, sixth, seventh, eleventh and thirteenth judicial  
2 districts, expand mediation services to additional judicial  
3 districts and fund network services for training and quality  
4 assurance;

5 (3) one hundred twenty-eight thousand two  
6 hundred forty-eight dollars (\$128,248) to expand existing  
7 court-appointed special advocate programs in the fourth, fifth,  
8 sixth, seventh, eleventh, twelfth and thirteenth judicial  
9 districts and add new programs in the sixth and thirteenth  
10 judicial districts;

11 (4) two hundred forty thousand nine hundred  
12 fifty-eight dollars (\$240,958) to maintain existing access and  
13 visitation programs in the first, second, fifth, ninth and  
14 thirteenth judicial districts, add new programs to additional  
15 judicial districts and fund network services for training and  
16 quality assurance.

17 B. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining  
18 at the end of fiscal year 2006 shall revert to the general  
19 fund.