## HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL 608

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

AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC ASSISTANCE; PROVIDING FOR HEALTH CARE

ACCOUNTABILITY; REQUIRING REPORTING OF EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION

FOR RECIPIENTS OF MEDICAID.

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

Section 1. A new section of the Public Assistance Act is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] EMPLOYER INFORMATION REQUIRED TO BE
GATHERED FOR MEDICAID RECIPIENTS.--The department shall collect
information on employers of medicaid recipients through a data
match with the labor department one time each fiscal year. For
purposes of this section, "recipient" includes a person or
dependent on whose behalf medicaid benefits are requested and
received."

Section 2. A new section of the Public Assistance Act is .156888.1

enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] REPORT REQUIRED.--The department shall submit a report by November 1, 2006 and annually thereafter to the interim legislative welfare reform oversight committee listing the names of employers who employ twenty-five or more recipients of medicaid benefits. In determining whether the twenty-five-employee threshold is met, the department shall include all medicaid recipients employed by the employer and its subsidiaries at all locations within the state. The report:

- A. shall include the following from each employer or its subsidiary that employs a recipient:
  - (1) the location of employment;
- (2) the total number of employees and dependents receiving assistance; and
- (3) the total cost to the state of providing the medicaid benefits to those employees and their dependents;
- B. shall not include the names of the employees;
  - C. shall be made available to the general public."

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