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HOUSE BILL 258

**48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007**

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FOR THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
AND THE COURTS, CORRECTIONS AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO ESTABLISH PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR  
JAILED AND INCARCERATED PARENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN.

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

Section 1. APPROPRIATION.--

A. Three million three hundred twenty thousand  
dollars (\$3,320,000) is appropriated from the general fund to  
the children, youth and families department for expenditure in  
fiscal year 2008 in the following amounts and for the following  
purposes:

(1) two million six hundred thousand dollars  
(\$2,600,000) to contract with community-based providers to work  
within local detention facilities to link children and their  
caretakers to resources and to facilitate communication and  
visitation between jailed and incarcerated parents and their

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1 children;

2 (2) five hundred twenty thousand dollars  
3 (\$520,000) to contract with four detention facilities to  
4 develop and implement contact visitation programs between  
5 jailed and incarcerated parents and their children; and

6 (3) two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000)  
7 for equipment to establish videoconferencing capability between  
8 the children, youth and families department and corrections  
9 department detention facilities.

10 B. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining  
11 at the end of fiscal year 2008 shall revert to the general  
12 fund.