HOUSE BILL 686

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

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AN ACT

RELATING TO GUARDIANSHIP; CREATING A PROGRAM TO PROVIDE
ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING WITH RESPECT TO ALTERNATIVES TO
GUARDIANSHIP FOR THE CARE OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES; MAKING
AN APPROPRIATION.

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

Section 1. GUARDIANSHIP ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM CREATED.--
The "guardianship alternatives program" is created within the
aging and long-term services department to provide:

A. assistance in the establishment of alternatives
to guardianship for the care of persons with disabilities,
including the establishment of microboards of family members
and friends responsible for the care of such persons; and

B. training and assistance to communities regarding
alternatives to guardianship for the care of persons with

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disabilities.

Section 2. APPROPRIATION.--Two hundred thousand dollars ($200,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the aging and long-term services department for expenditure in fiscal year 2008 and subsequent fiscal years for the guardianship alternatives program. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund.

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