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AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS; ALLOWING
THE DIRECTOR TO RECEIVE FUNDS TO CARRY OUT THE DUTIES OF THE
OFFICE.

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

SECTION 1. Section 34-9-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1959,
Chapter 162, Section 3, as amended) is amended to read:

"34-9-3. DIRECTOR--DUTIES.--The director of the
administrative office of the courts shall, under the
supervision and direction of the supreme court:

A. supervise all matters relating to
administration of the courts;

B. examine fiscal matters and the state of the
dockets of the courts, secure information as to the courts'
need of assistance and prepare and transmit to the supreme
court statistical data and reports as to the business of the
courts;

C. submit to the supreme court and to the
legislature by January 30 of each year a report of the
activities of the administrative office of the courts and of
the state of business of the courts, including the
statistical data submitted to the supreme court pursuant to
Subsection B of this section, and the director's
recommendations. This report is a public document;

1 D. deal with the problems of finance of those
2 courts supported by legislative appropriation and be
3 concerned with adequate but economical financing of each of
4 these courts and the equitable distribution of available
5 funds among them. For this purpose, the director shall
6 receive, adjust and approve proposed budgets submitted by
7 these courts prior to submission of the budgets to the state
8 budget division of the department of finance and
9 administration for inclusion in the executive budget. The
10 district courts of all counties within a judicial district
11 shall be included within a single budget. Budget proposals
12 shall be submitted by the courts at the time and in the form
13 prescribed by the director;

14 E. perform other duties in aid of the
15 administration of justice and the administration and dispatch
16 of the business of the courts as directed by the supreme
17 court. The courts shall comply with all requests of the
18 director for information;

19 F. encourage that any behavioral health services,
20 including mental health and substance abuse services, funded,
21 provided, contracted for or approved by the office be in
22 compliance with the requirements of Section 9-7-6.4 NMSA
23 1978; and

24 G. apply for and receive, in the name of the
25 administrative office of the courts, any public or private

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funds, including United States government funds, available to
carry out its programs, duties or services." _____