

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE SECRETARY OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES TO
3 CONVENE A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENDER TREATMENT OR
4 INTERVENTION PROGRAM TASK FORCE TO ANALYZE VARIOUS ASPECTS
5 OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENDER TREATMENT OR INTERVENTION
6 PROGRAMS IN NEW MEXICO AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
7 PROGRAM ENHANCEMENTS.

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9 WHEREAS, the domestic violence offender treatment or
10 intervention fund is established in the state treasury and
11 fees are imposed on persons convicted of penalty assessment
12 misdemeanors, traffic violations, petty misdemeanors,
13 misdemeanors or felony offenses; and

14 WHEREAS, balances in the domestic violence offender
15 treatment or intervention fund are appropriated to the
16 children, youth and families department to provide funds to
17 domestic violence offender treatment or intervention
18 programs to defray the cost of providing treatment or
19 intervention to domestic violence offenders; and

20 WHEREAS, Section 31-12-12 NMSA 1978 requires that
21 funded programs meet certain criteria and provide certain
22 types of services to court-ordered offenders; and

23 WHEREAS, the children, youth and families department
24 currently funds thirty-nine programs that serve hundreds of
25 individuals; and

1 WHEREAS, measuring the outcomes of these programs is
2 subject to many factors outside the control of the programs;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, best practices are continually being
5 identified, updated and studied;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
7 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the secretary of children, youth
8 and families be requested to convene a domestic violence
9 offender treatment or intervention program task force to
10 work with the current domestic violence offender treatment
11 or intervention programs to assess their operations,
12 including curriculum, client assessment, qualifications of
13 facilitators, data collection and other areas of operation;
14 and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the domestic violence
16 offender treatment or intervention program task force be
17 requested to examine the role of the courts and the adult
18 probation and parole division of the corrections department
19 in monitoring and enforcing treatment requirements and
20 orders for offenders; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the domestic violence
22 offender treatment or intervention program task force be
23 requested to review all current New Mexico laws, protocols
24 and administrative rules pertaining to domestic violence;
25 and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the domestic violence
2 offender treatment or intervention program task force be
3 requested to review current research and best practices from
4 domestic violence offender treatment or intervention
5 programs in New Mexico and other states; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force include
7 representatives from the New Mexico coalition against
8 domestic violence; the children, youth and families
9 department; the legislative finance committee; the
10 administrative office of the courts; the corrections
11 department, including its adult probation and parole
12 division; the New Mexico tribal-state judicial consortium;
13 and offender treatment or intervention program providers and
14 victim service providers; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the domestic violence
16 offender treatment or intervention program task force be
17 requested to make recommendations on best practices, methods
18 of data collection that measure short- and long-term
19 offender outcomes and methods to ensure judicial monitoring
20 and enforcement; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the domestic violence
22 offender treatment or intervention program task force be
23 requested to provide a comprehensive written report and
24 present its findings to the interim legislative health and
25 human services committee and the legislative finance

1 committee by November 15, 2015; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
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1 transmitted to the governor, the legislative finance
2 committee, the interim legislative health and human
3 services committee and the secretary of children, youth and
4 families. _____

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