

1 HOUSE BILL 560

2 **54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO FAMILIES; ENACTING A NEW SECTION OF THE CHILDREN'S
12 CODE TO REQUIRE THAT THE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES
13 DEPARTMENT PROVIDE THE SAME LEVEL OF ASSISTANCE TO CHILD
14 GUARDIANS AND KINSHIP CAREGIVERS AS THE DEPARTMENT PROVIDES TO
15 FOSTER FAMILIES.

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

18 SECTION 1. A new section of the Children's Code is
19 enacted to read:

20 "[NEW MATERIAL] GUARDIANS--KINSHIP CAREGIVERS--FOSTER
21 FAMILIES--PARITY OF ASSISTANCE.--

22 A. The secretary of children, youth and families
23 shall adopt and promulgate rules to provide guardians of
24 children placed in their care by the department and kinship
25 caregivers with the same level of assistance that the

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1 department provides to foster parents, including child care
2 assistance with no cost-sharing imposition on the kinship
3 caregivers or guardians.

4 B. As used in this section, "kinship caregiver"
5 means a relative within five degrees of consanguinity or
6 affinity of a child placed in the relative's care."

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