

April 9, 2021

HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 20

The Honorable Brian Egolf, Jr., Speaker of the House and  
Members of the House of Representatives  
State Capitol Building  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Dear Speaker Egolf and Members of the House:

I have decided to veto House Bill 287, as amended (“HB 287”), which would have created the Social Services in Public Schools Task Force to conduct an asset mapping and gap analysis to determine the need for and the availability of social services in school districts and public schools, as well as whether such services are culturally appropriate. I commend Representative Wonda Johnson for her efforts in introducing and advancing HB 287, as I agree we must examine these issues so we can ensure our children have access to the social services they need. However, the Public Education Department can accomplish this without a statutory requirement or additional funding. Accordingly, I shall direct the Public Education Department to create an ad hoc task force to examine these issues and report its findings and recommendations by December 31, 2021. In recognition of Representative Johnson’s dedication to addressing our children’s need for social services, I would like to invite her to participate in the task force.

For these reasons, and pursuant to my authority under Article IV, Section 22 of the New Mexico Constitution, I have vetoed HOUSE BILL 287, as amended, enacted by the Fifty-Fifth Legislature, First Session.

Respectfully yours,

Michelle Lujan Grisham  
Governor

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By \_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Clerk of the House