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HOUSE BILL 35

56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2023

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AN ACT

RELATING TO FAMILIES; PROVIDING TO FOSTER FAMILIES, ENROLLEES OF THE FOSTERING CONNECTIONS PROGRAM AND CHILDREN IN THE CUSTODY OF THE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES DEPARTMENT FREE CAMPING PASSES AND FISHING LICENSES; PROVIDING TO ENROLLEES OF THE FOSTERING CONNECTIONS PROGRAM AND CHILDREN IN THE CUSTODY OF THE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES DEPARTMENT FREE ADMISSION TO STATE-OWNED MUSEUMS AND STATE PARKS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 32A-3A-12 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2019, Chapter 132, Section 1) is amended to read:

"32A-3A-12. FOSTER FAMILIES--FREE ADMISSION TO MUSEUMS AND STATE PARKS--CAMPING PASSES--FISHING LICENSES.--

A. As provided in Subsection B of this section,
foster parents and children in the custody of foster parents,

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1 youth enrolled in the fostering connections program and
2 children who are in the custody of the children, youth and
3 families department, who are residents of the state, shall be
4 provided for free:

5 (1) admission to state-owned museums and state
6 parks; [~~provided that~~]

7 (2) a camping pass for up to three consecutive
8 nights of overnight access to a state park; and

9 (3) a fishing license.

10 B. Eligibility for free admission shall be
11 contingent [~~upon~~] on demonstration of proof of identity,
12 residency and status as a foster parent, [~~or~~] child in the
13 custody of a foster parent, youth enrolled in the fostering
14 connections program or child in the custody of the children,
15 youth and families department in accordance with rules of the:

16 [~~A-~~] (1) cultural affairs department, for free
17 day-use admission to state-owned museums; [~~and~~]

18 [~~B-~~] (2) energy, minerals and natural
19 resources department, for free day-use admission and camping
20 passes to state parks; or

21 (3) department of game and fish, for fishing
22 licenses."