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42ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1996

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO ENFORCE CHILD  
SUPPORT PAYMENTS THAT ARE OWED TO RECIPIENTS OF AID TO FAMILIES  
WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN BEFORE TIME LIMITS ARE IMPOSED ON  
RECIPIENTS' RECEIVING PROGRAM BENEFITS.

WHEREAS, there are approximately seventy-five thousand  
cases pending at the human services department of individuals  
who owe child support payments; and

WHEREAS, over ninety percent of recipients of aid to  
families with dependent children are not receiving child support  
payments; and

WHEREAS, time limits imposed on recipients' receiving aid  
to families with dependent children benefits will not lead to  
self-sufficiency; and

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1 to families with dependent children benefits will only harm the  
2 children of these recipients; and

3 WHEREAS, payment of child support to recipients of aid to  
4 families with dependent children who are entitled to receive  
5 those payments may assist recipients in leaving the public  
6 assistance program; and

7 WHEREAS, enforcement of child support payments by the human  
8 services department for recipients of aid to families with  
9 dependent children is one way to assist these recipients in  
10 leaving the public assistance program;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
12 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the human services department be  
13 requested to enforce child support payments that are owed to  
14 recipients of aid to families with dependent children before  
15 time limits are imposed on recipients' receiving program  
16 benefits; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be sent  
18 to the secretary of human services.