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HOUSE BILL 661

44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999

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AN ACT

MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING AN ARRAY OF SERVICES TO CHILDREN AT RISK OF BEING REFERRED OR CHILDREN REFERRED TO THE JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVISION OF THE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES DEPARTMENT.

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

Section 1. ARRAY OF SERVICES AND PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AT RISK OF BEING REFERRED OR CHILDREN REFERRED TO THE JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVISION OF THE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES DEPARTMENT-- FINDINGS. --

A. The legislature finds that it is in the interest of the state to continue to make available a wide array of comprehensive and effective services, programs and facilities for children at risk of being referred or children referred to the juvenile justice division of the children,

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1 youth and families department.

2 B. It is the intent of the legislature that a
3 balanced and restorative juvenile justice system be premised
4 upon the guiding principles of community protection,
5 accountability and competency development.

6 C. It is the intent of the legislature that
7 juvenile justice services and programs be:

- 8 (1) provided by state employees; or
- 9 (2) provided via contracts for the services
10 or programs pursuant to the provisions of the Procurement
11 Code.

12 Section 2. ARRAY OF SERVICES AND PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN
13 AT RISK OF BEING REFERRED OR CHILDREN REFERRED TO THE JUVENILE
14 JUSTICE DIVISION OF THE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES
15 DEPARTMENT-- APPROPRIATIONS. --

16 A. To provide an array of services and programs
17 for children at risk of being referred or children referred to
18 the juvenile justice division of the children, youth and
19 families department, the following amounts are appropriated
20 from the general fund to the children, youth and families
21 department for expenditure in fiscal year 2000 for the
22 following purposes:

- 23 (1) one hundred fifty thousand dollars
24 (\$150,000) for the purpose of contracting with community-based
25 providers for the provision of community and victim

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1 restoration programs, including mentoring programs, mediation
2 programs and community involvement programs;

3 (2) one hundred fifty thousand dollars
4 (\$150,000) for the purpose of contracting with community-based
5 providers for the provision of family preservation programs
6 for children at risk of being removed from their homes;

7 (3) two hundred fifty thousand dollars
8 (\$250,000) for the purpose of contracting for a statewide sex
9 offender program for children adjudicated or at risk of being
10 adjudicated for a sexual offense. The statewide sex offender
11 program for children shall also include program services at
12 the juvenile justice division facilities. The statewide sex
13 offender program shall also provide assessment services,
14 treatment services and aftercare services;

15 (4) two hundred fifty thousand dollars
16 (\$250,000) for the purpose of contracting for the recruiting,
17 training and providing foster homes for children referred to
18 the juvenile justice division of the children, youth and
19 families department. The foster homes shall be reimbursed at
20 the special needs foster home rate; and

21 (5) one hundred fifty thousand dollars
22 (\$150,000) for the purpose of contracting with a program
23 located in an urban area to provide an urban construction
24 corps program. The urban construction corps shall offer
25 programming that teaches employable skills, including home

1 renovation and home construction skills, for children referred
2 to the juvenile justice division of the children, youth and
3 families department.

4 B. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance
5 remaining at the end of fiscal year 2000 shall revert to the
6 general fund.

7 Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. --The effective date of the
8 provisions of this act is July 1, 1999.

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