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SENATE BILL 614

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

INTRODUCED BY

Linda M Lopez

FOR THE WELFARE REFORM OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC ASSISTANCE; EMPLOYING NEW MEXICO WORKS  
TRANSPORTATION FACILITATORS; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION;  
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Section 1. A new section of the New Mexico Works Act is  
enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] NEW MEXICO WORKS--TRANSPORTATION  
SERVICES--TRANSPORTATION FACILITATORS--DUTIES.--

A. The department shall work with the public  
transportation programs bureau of the state highway and  
transportation department to provide transportation services  
to participants. Transportation services provided by the  
public transportation programs bureau may include the  
following:

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- 1 (1) emergency assistance for car repair;
- 2 (2) passes for public transportation; and
- 3 (3) fare for taxi cabs or van pools.

4 B. The public transportation programs bureau shall  
5 create ten New Mexico works transportation facilitator  
6 positions to work with all local income support division  
7 offices of the department to provide transportation services.

8 C. The New Mexico works transportation  
9 facilitators shall assist participants under the New Mexico  
10 Works Act in the following ways:

- 11 (1) provide transportation services;
- 12 (2) negotiate reduced rates from transit  
13 operators using bulk purchase of transportation slots;
- 14 (3) coordinate subsidized transportation  
15 options through employers, community action agencies or  
16 existing government programs including those contained in the  
17 New Mexico Works Act; and
- 18 (4) solve transportation logistics problems.

19 C. The public transportation programs bureau shall  
20 allow participants pursuant to the New Mexico Works Act to  
21 engage in work experience, community service and on-the-job  
22 training to assist New Mexico works transportation  
23 facilitators.

24 Section 2. APPROPRIATION. -- Five million dollars  
25 (\$5,000,000) is appropriated from the temporary assistance for

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1     needy families block grant for expenditure in fiscal year 2000  
2     to the public transportation programs bureau of the state  
3     highway and transportation department for the purpose of  
4     providing transportation services to participants as defined  
5     in the New Mexico Works Act. Any unexpended or unencumbered  
6     balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2000 shall revert  
7     to the temporary assistance for needy families block grant.

8             Section 3. APPROPRIATION.--Three hundred thousand  
9     dollars (\$300,000) is appropriated from the general fund to  
10    the public transportation programs bureau of the state highway  
11    and transportation department for expenditure in fiscal year  
12    2000 to fund ten full-time-equivalent New Mexico works  
13    transportation facilitators. Any unexpended or unencumbered  
14    balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2000 shall revert  
15    to the general fund.

16            Section 4. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public  
17    peace, health and safety that this act take effect  
18    immediately. "

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8 Mr. President:

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10 Your CORPORATIONS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, to  
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15 has had it under consideration and reports same with  
16 recommendation that it DO PASS, amended as follows:

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23 and thence referred to the FINANCE COMMITTEE.

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Roman M. Maes, Chair man

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The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against

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Excused: Aragon, Kysar, McKi bben, Robi nson

Absent: None

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