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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 13

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

INTRODUCED BY

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FOR THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO PUT A SUBSTANTIALLY GREATER EMPHASIS ON PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION EFFORTS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH.

WHEREAS, our state has a rate of uninsured citizens fifty percent higher than the national norm; and

WHEREAS, the mortality rate for New Mexicans under thirty-five years of age is forty-four percent higher than the national average; and

WHEREAS, the suicide and DWI rates of New Mexicans are unacceptably high in the national rankings in these categories; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico is the national leader in the percentage of uninsured children, thereby depriving many, if

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1 not most of them, of sufficient and appropriate health care;
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3 WHEREAS, one of the many results of this situation is an
4 embarrassing school dropout rate, resulting in a population
5 undereducated and unprepared to earn an income sufficient to
6 adequately care for its family members; and

7 WHEREAS, these statistics are the result of insufficient
8 health attention to New Mexico's minor population; and

9 WHEREAS, the state's fiscal resources are certainly
10 limited; and

11 WHEREAS, New Mexico spends millions of taxpayer dollars
12 on acute care for the sick and indigent; and

13 WHEREAS, it is very reasonable to believe, based on study
14 after study, that dollars invested in prevention programs pay
15 huge dividends in terms of reducing later acute care expenses,
16 inflated law enforcement, judicial and corrections budgets and
17 sharply higher social welfare costs;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
19 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the children, youth and families
20 department and the department of health be urged to review
21 their policies and budgetary emphasis and to shift to the more
22 humane and fiscally efficient programs of prevention and early
23 intervention; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these departments develop a
25 coherent and coordinated stream of prevention services,

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1 starting with teen education about pregnancy, alcohol and drug
2 abuse and the value of increased education, continuing with
3 infant testing and immunization and including an effective
4 statewide early education program, particularly as needed by
5 welfare-to-work clients; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that investments be made in
7 healthy activities programs, encouraging coordination and
8 expansion of private sector efforts such as big brothers and
9 big sisters, 4-H, church, community and other programs that
10 offer youth a positive attitude about personal, family and
11 community responsibility; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these reevaluation efforts by
13 these two primary state service departments pay close
14 attention to effecting changes in the state's juvenile
15 corrections programs oriented to seeing that those youth in
16 its care leave that jurisdiction with a positive attitude
17 about themselves and their community and a willingness to
18 contribute to society rather than be a burden to it; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that both departments present a
20 special report on these efforts to the interim legislative
21 health and human services committee by September 15, 1999; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
23 sent to the secretaries of children, youth and families and
24 health.

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8 Mr. Speaker:
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10 Your JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred
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14 has had it under consideration and reports same with
15 recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the
16 APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.

17 Respectfully submitted,
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22 R. David Pederson, Chairman
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The roll call vote was 7 For 0 Against

Yes: 7

Excused: Luna, Pederson, Rios, Sanchez, Taylor, T.

Absent: None

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7 Mr. Speaker:
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9 Your APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE, to
10 whom has been referred

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13 has had it under consideration and reports same with
14 recommendation that it DO PASS, amended as follows:
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16 1. On page 1, line 11, after "DEPARTMENT" insert ", THE
17 HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT".

18 2. On page 2, line 20, after the first occurrence of
19 "department" insert ", the human services department".
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21 3. On page 3, line 13, strike "two" and insert in lieu
22 thereof "three".
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24 4. On page 3, line 19, strike "both" and insert in lieu
25 thereof "the three".

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5. On page 3, line 23, after "families" insert ", human services".

Respectfully submitted,

Max Coll, Chairman

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4 The roll call vote was 9 For 0 Against

5 Yes: 9

6 Excused: Garcia, MH, Heaton, Marquardt, Parsons, Pearce, Picraux,
7 Townsend, Varela

8 Absent: None

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