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SENATE BILL

**51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2014**

INTRODUCED BY

FOR THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO FUND THE  
CREATION OF EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEES WITHIN COUNTY  
AND TRIBAL HEALTH COUNCILS.

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

**SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.--**

A. Nine hundred seventy-five thousand dollars  
(\$975,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the  
department of health for expenditure in fiscal year 2015 to  
fund the creation and operation of early childhood services  
committees within county and tribal health councils. The early  
childhood services committees shall be charged with:

- (1) conducting an annual "gap" analysis that  
compares the need for early childhood services in the state and  
the capacity of those early childhood services that are

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- 1 available to meet the need;
- 2 (2) conducting early childhood service
- 3 training;
- 4 (3) collecting and sharing data and resources
- 5 on maximizing the effectiveness of early childhood services;
- 6 (4) developing annual needs assessments of
- 7 early childhood services;
- 8 (5) conducting campaigns on the prevention of
- 9 child maltreatment; and
- 10 (6) developing an online portal to facilitate
- 11 primary care referral of children at risk to early childhood
- 12 and family support services.

13 B. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining  
14 at the end of fiscal year 2015 shall revert to the general  
15 fund.