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HOUSE BILL 181

57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2026

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AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES
DEPARTMENT TO REPORT TO THE OFFICE OF CHILD ADVOCATE, THE
APPROPRIATE INTERIM COMMITTEE DEALING WITH COURTS, CORRECTIONS
AND JUSTICE, THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
COMMITTEE AND THE LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE REGARDING
CHILDREN IN CUSTODY WHO HAVE BEEN REQUIRED TO STAY OVERNIGHT IN
AN OFFICE.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.--One hundred thousand dollars
(\$100,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
children, youth and families department for expenditure in
fiscal years 2027 and 2028 to report on a weekly basis to the
office of child advocate and on a monthly basis to the
appropriate interim committee dealing with courts, corrections

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1 and justice, the legislative health and human services
2 committee and the legislative finance committee regarding the
3 total number of children in the custody of the children, youth
4 and families department who have been required to stay
5 overnight in an office, including the reasons for the stay, the
6 duration of the stay and the current status or resolution of
7 the placement. Any unexpended balance remaining at the end of
8 fiscal year 2028 shall revert to the general fund.

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