

1 SENATE BILL 242

2 **57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2026**

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10 AN ACT

11 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES  
12 DEPARTMENT FOR THE OFFICE OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS TO CONTRACT FOR A  
13 FIELD LIAISON TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE INDIAN FAMILY  
14 PROTECTION ACT AND THE FEDERAL INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT OF  
15 1978.

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

18 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.**--Three million dollars  
19 (\$3,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the  
20 children, youth and families department for expenditure in  
21 fiscal year 2027 for the office of tribal affairs to contract  
22 for a field liaison to ensure compliance with the Indian Family  
23 Protection Act and the federal Indian Child Welfare Act of  
24 1978. Any unexpended balance remaining at the end of fiscal  
25 year 2027 shall revert to the general fund.

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