

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO CONVENE A  
3 WORKING GROUP TO STUDY STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS ADMINISTERED  
4 BY THE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES DEPARTMENT TO SUPPORT  
5 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES IN NEW MEXICO.

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7 WHEREAS, domestic violence, also referred to as intimate  
8 partner violence, remains a significant public safety and  
9 public health issue in New Mexico, and the children, youth  
10 and families department administers and distributes state and  
11 federal funds intended to support domestic violence services  
12 across the state; and

13 WHEREAS, transparency and accountability in the use of  
14 public funds requires a clear understanding of how such funds  
15 are administered and distributed, including who receives the  
16 funds and for what purposes; and

17 WHEREAS, domestic violence providers across New Mexico  
18 continue to report unmet needs and insufficient resources to  
19 meet survivors' services demands;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE  
21 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the legislative finance committee be  
22 requested to convene a working group, including  
23 representation from the department of finance and  
24 administration, the legislative finance committee, domestic  
25 violence providers from around New Mexico and the New Mexico

1 coalition against domestic violence, to study all state and  
2 federal funds administered by the children, youth and  
3 families department for the purpose of supporting domestic  
4 violence services in New Mexico; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, at a minimum, the study  
6 include:

7 A. an accounting of the state and federal  
8 domestic-violence-related funds administered by the children,  
9 youth and families department;

10 B. an examination of how those funds are  
11 administered and distributed, including administrative  
12 structures, pass-through arrangements and time lines;

13 C. identification of entities that receive such  
14 funds and the amounts each entity receives; and

15 D. a recommendation regarding what level of  
16 funding is needed to fully fund domestic violence support  
17 services statewide with a focus on funding support being  
18 directed to domestic violence providers; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
20 transmitted to the legislative finance committee, the  
21 secretary of finance and administration and the secretary of  
22 children, youth and families. \_\_\_\_\_

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