

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE  
BILL ANALYSIS**

**Bill Number:** SJM 51

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**Tracking Number:** .192733.3

**Short Title:** Uniform Access to Children's Services

**Sponsor(s):** Senator Linda M. Lopez and Representative Don Tripp

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**Bill Summary:**

SJM 51 requests that:

- the Secretary of the Children, Youth and Families Department reconvene a steering committee that was established to study the implementation of the *Children's Code* to develop a detailed plan to ensure that the goals of the code are being met equally statewide;
- the youth services agencies partner with local juvenile justice boards and OptumHealth New Mexico to:
  - develop an intake screening process for first-time youth offenders who exhibit high behavioral health needs; and
  - provide children's courts with community-based supervision alternatives that emphasize improving behavioral health.

SJM 51 further requests that the Legislature consider funding the:

- New Mexico Gang Task Force;
- Family and Youth Resource Fund; and
- Juvenile Continuum Grant Fund.

Finally, SJM 51 requests that the steering committee:

- develop a detailed plan for implementing its recommendations; and
- report to the appropriate interim legislative committees by December 1, 2013.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Legislative memorials do not carry appropriations.

**Committee Referrals:**

SRC/SJC

**Related Bills:**

None as of 3/4/2013.