SENATE PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL 422

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003

AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A STATEWIDE INFORMATION AND
REFERRAL TASK FORCE AND A PILOT PROGRAM OF THE "211"
INFORMATION AND REFERRAL PROGRAM IN DONA ANA COUNTY; DECLARING
AN EMERGENCY.

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

Section 1. APPROPRIATION.--

A. One hundred fifty thousand dollars ($150,000) is
appropriated from the general fund to the developmental
disabilities planning council for expenditure in fiscal years
2003 and 2004 to establish an information and referral task
force and to develop a pilot "211" information and referral
program in Dona Ana county as follows:

(1) sixty thousand dollars ($60,000) to
establish an information and referral task force to develop a

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statewide, comprehensive "211" information and referral plan,
including a tariff structure based on existing agreements, a
common taxonomy of terms, coordination between public and
private systems and standardized statewide training and
exploration of a centralized information repository. The task
force shall include representation from the department of
health; the human services department; the children, youth and
families department; the labor department; the state agency on
aging; the long-term care link program; the governor's
committee on concerns of the handicapped; the commission for
the blind; the commission for deaf and hard-of-hearing persons;
a statewide organization that raises money for health and human
service purposes; and other interested parties; and

           (2)   ninety thousand dollars ($90,000) to
develop and implement a pilot "211" information and referral
project in Dona Ana county.

      B.   Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining
at the end of fiscal year 2004 shall revert to the general
fund.

    Section 2.   EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public
peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.

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