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SENATE BILL 164

48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC ASSISTANCE; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR PROGRAMS TO BENEFIT CHILDREN WITH NEURODEVELOPMENTAL DISORDERS, INCLUDING AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER.

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

Section 1. APPROPRIATION. --

A. Seven million seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$7,750,000) is appropriated from the general fund for expenditure in fiscal year 2008 and subsequent fiscal years to establish and operate programs for neurodevelopmental disorders, including autism, as follows:

(1) six million dollars (\$6,000,000) to the department of health to match medicaid funds for adaptive-skill-building services to children with an autism spectrum disorder;

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(2) one million dollars (\$1,000,000) to the department of health for the development and delivery of comprehensive training for professionals and parents on adaptive skill building for children with autism spectrum disorders and for a statewide family support network specific to autism spectrum disorders; and

(\$750,000) to the board of regents of New Mexico state university for the center for development and disability and its health sciences center for expenditure for a multidisciplinary evaluation clinic for children with neurodevelopmental disorders, including autism spectrum disorder.

B. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund.

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