

1 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 3

2 51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2014

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THAT THE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES DEPARTMENT
12 REPORT TO THE INTERIM LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
13 COMMITTEE ON ISSUES RELATED TO FOSTER CARE.

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15 WHEREAS, hundreds of New Mexico's children are in need of
16 short-term or long-term foster care; and

17 WHEREAS, the children, youth and families department is
18 charged with administering child protective services, including
19 foster care; and

20 WHEREAS, ensuring that foster homes provide a safe and
21 healthy home environment is critical to the well-being and
22 healthy development of New Mexico's foster children;

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
24 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the children, youth and families
25 department be requested to prepare a report on foster care in

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1 the state; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report include the
3 following information:

4 A. the limit, if any, on the number of foster
5 children that may be placed in a single foster home at one
6 time;

7 B. the average number of foster children per foster
8 home;

9 C. the largest number of foster children that have
10 been placed in a single foster home at one time;

11 D. the average number of foster homes into which
12 foster children are placed during the time those children are
13 in the care of the children, youth and families department;

14 E. over the past ten years, the highest number of
15 foster home placements made for a single foster child;

16 F. how foster homes for emergency foster placements
17 are identified and selected;

18 G. the children, youth and families department's
19 current plan for identifying and certifying foster families;

20 H. the last date on which the standards for
21 certifying a foster home were updated;

22 I. all behavioral health concerns that have been
23 identified over the past ten years among foster children; and

24 J. information and data from the past ten years
25 regarding foster children after they reach the age of eighteen;

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1 and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the children, youth and
3 families department present the report to the interim
4 legislative health and human services committee by November
5 2014; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
7 transmitted to the secretary of children, youth and families.

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