

HOUSE BILL 206

54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2020

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AN ACT

RELATING TO CHILDREN; ADDING STUDY OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT AND
TREATMENT RESOURCES TO CULTURAL RECOGNITION TRAINING
REQUIREMENTS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 32A-18-1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993,
Chapter 77, Section 224, as amended) is amended to read:

"32A-18-1. CULTURAL RECOGNITION.--

A. A person who serves as a judge, prosecutor,
child's attorney, guardian ad litem, treatment guardian, court
appointed attorney, court appointed special advocate, foster
parent, mental health commissioner or mental health treatment
service provider for a child subject to an abuse or neglect
petition, a family in need of services petition or a mental
health placement shall receive periodic training, to the extent

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1 of available resources, to develop ~~[his]~~ the person's knowledge
2 about children, the physical and psychological formation of
3 children and the impact of ethnicity on a child's needs.
4 Institutions that serve children and their families shall,
5 considering available resources, provide similar training to
6 institutional staff.

7 B. The training shall include study of:

- 8 (1) cross-cultural dynamics and sensitivity;
- 9 (2) signs of physical and sexual abuse and
10 neglect and resources for treatment;
- 11 ~~[(2)]~~ (3) child development;
- 12 ~~[(3)]~~ (4) family composition and dynamics;
- 13 ~~[(4)]~~ (5) parenting skills and practices;
- 14 ~~[(5)]~~ (6) culturally appropriate treatment
15 plans; and
- 16 ~~[(6)]~~ (7) alternative health practices."