

1 HOUSE BILL 35  
2 **56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2023**  
3 INTRODUCED BY  
4 Stefani Lord and Crystal R. Diamond and John Block and  
5 Gail Armstrong and Luis M. Terrazas  
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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO FAMILIES; PROVIDING TO FOSTER FAMILIES, ENROLLEES  
12 OF THE FOSTERING CONNECTIONS PROGRAM AND CHILDREN IN THE  
13 CUSTODY OF THE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES DEPARTMENT FREE  
14 CAMPING PASSES AND FISHING LICENSES; PROVIDING TO ENROLLEES OF  
15 THE FOSTERING CONNECTIONS PROGRAM AND CHILDREN IN THE CUSTODY  
16 OF THE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES DEPARTMENT FREE ADMISSION  
17 TO STATE-OWNED MUSEUMS AND STATE PARKS.

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

20 SECTION 1. Section 32A-3A-12 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2019,  
21 Chapter 132, Section 1) is amended to read:

22 "32A-3A-12. FOSTER FAMILIES--FREE ADMISSION TO MUSEUMS  
23 AND STATE PARKS--CAMPING PASSES--FISHING LICENSES.--

24 A. As provided in Subsection B of this section,  
25 foster parents and children in the custody of foster parents,

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1 youth enrolled in the fostering connections program and  
2 children who are in the custody of the children, youth and  
3 families department, who are residents of the state, shall be  
4 provided for free:

5 (1) admission to state-owned museums and state  
6 parks; [~~provided that~~]

7 (2) a camping pass for up to three consecutive  
8 nights of overnight access to a state park; and

9 (3) a fishing license.

10 B. Eligibility for free admission shall be  
11 contingent [~~upon~~] on demonstration of proof of identity,  
12 residency and status as a foster parent, [~~or~~] child in the  
13 custody of a foster parent, youth enrolled in the fostering  
14 connections program or child in the custody of the children,  
15 youth and families department in accordance with rules of the:

16 [~~A.~~] (1) cultural affairs department, for free  
17 day-use admission to state-owned museums; [~~and~~]

18 [~~B.~~] (2) energy, minerals and natural  
19 resources department, for free day-use admission and camping  
20 passes to state parks; or

21 (3) department of game and fish, for fishing  
22 licenses."