

1 SENATE BILL 436

2 **56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2023**

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10 AN ACT

11 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND  
12 ADMINISTRATION TO IMPLEMENT STATEWIDE INTERDISCIPLINARY LEGAL  
13 REPRESENTATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN CASES ARISING UNDER  
14 THE CHILDREN'S CODE.

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

17 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.--Two million five hundred  
18 thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) is appropriated from the general  
19 fund to the department of finance and administration for  
20 expenditure in fiscal year 2024 for the office of family  
21 representation and advocacy to implement statewide  
22 interdisciplinary legal representation for children and  
23 families in cases arising under the Children's Code. Any  
24 unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of  
25 fiscal year 2024 shall revert to the general fund.

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