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SENATE BILL 583

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

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FOR THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO GENERAL ASSISTANCE; AMENDING A SECTION OF THE NMSA
1978 TO MAKE CHILDREN WHO PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED SOCIAL SECURITY
INCOME BENEFITS AND HAVE BEEN DETERMINED TO BE INELIGIBLE UNDER
FEDERAL LAW TO CONTINUE TO RECEIVE THOSE BENEFITS ELIGIBLE TO
RECEIVE GENERAL ASSISTANCE.

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

Section 1. Section 27-2-7 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1973,
Chapter 376, Section 10, as amended) is amended to read:

"27-2-7. GENERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM - QUALIFICATIONS AND
PAYMENTS. --

A. Subject to the availability of state funds,
public assistance shall be provided under a general assistance
program to or on behalf of eligible persons who:

(1) are under eighteen years of age and meet

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1 all eligibility conditions for aid to families with dependent
2 children except the relationship to the person with whom they
3 are living; [or]

4 (2) are over the age of eighteen and are
5 temporarily disabled, according to regulations of the [board]
6 income support division of the human services department or have
7 been determined ineligible to receive benefits pursuant to 42
8 USCA 1382(d)(2) and are not receiving [aid to families with
9 ~~dependent children~~] temporary assistance for needy families; or

10 (3) meet the qualifications under such other
11 regulations for the general assistance program as the [board]
12 income support division shall establish from time to time.

13 B. General assistance program payments may be made
14 directly to the recipient or to the vendor of goods or services
15 provided to the recipient. The [board] income support division
16 may by regulation limit the grants that are made to general
17 assistance recipients.

18 C. Whenever the [board] income support division
19 makes an adjustment in the standard of need for the aid to
20 families with dependent children program pursuant to Section
21 [~~13-17-3 NMSA 1953~~] 27-2-3 NMSA 1978, it shall make a
22 commensurate adjustment in the standard of need for the general
23 assistance program. "