

Underscored material = new
[bracketed material] = delete

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25

SENATE BILL 752

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

INTRODUCED BY

SHANNON ROBINSON

AN ACT

RELATING TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES; CREATING A SPECIAL
ADVOCATE PROGRAM WITHIN THE GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE ON CONCERNS OF
THE HANDICAPPED TO COORDINATE WITH PROGRAMS SERVING PEOPLE WITH
MOBILITY IMPAIRMENTS.

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

Section 1. SPECIAL ADVOCATE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED. --

A. There is established within the governor's
committee on concerns of the handicapped the special advocate
program. The program shall:

(1) assist persons with mobility impairments in
achieving living arrangements that maximize independence and
self-direction;

(2) seek to improve coordination and
availability of services needed to achieve independence,

1 including locating accessible housing and transportation,
2 provision and training of personal assistants for mobility-
3 impaired individuals and removal of discriminatory and overly
4 restrictive program regulations and policies that favor
5 institutionalization over independence;

6 (3) give priority to persons not eligible for
7 advocacy assistance from programs serving the developmentally
8 disabled or the elderly; of such persons, priority shall be
9 given to those currently residing in nursing homes who desire
10 alternative placement;

11 (4) develop written procedures to coordinate
12 with, and avoid any duplication of effort with, the adult
13 protective services division of the children, youth and families
14 department, the office of the state long-term care ombudsman of
15 the state agency on aging and the community reintegration
16 program of the long-term care and restorative services division
17 of the department of health; and

18 (5) adopt a policy of confidentiality of client
19 records consistent with the procedures of other entities of the
20 state and other programs with which it discusses individual
21 client needs.

22 B. Any entity of the state, or any program receiving
23 state funds or that offers services paid in part by state funds,
24 shall provide to the special advocate any requested information
25 the entity or program possesses on eligibility requirements,

Underscored material = new
~~[bracketed material] = delete~~

1 availability of funds, individual plans of care, client
2 population characteristics or any other matter relating to
3 services, or barriers to service, of clients or potential
4 clients of the special advocate program.

5 - 3 -
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25

1 FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
2 FIRST SESSION, 1997
3
4

5 March 15, 1997
6

7 Mr. President:
8

9 Your PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to whom has been
10 referred
11

12 SENATE BILL 752
13

14 has had it under consideration and reports same with
15 recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the
16 FINANCE COMMITTEE.
17

18 Respectfully submitted,
19
20
21

22 _____
23 Shannon Robinson, Chairman
24
25

Adopted _____ Not Adopted _____
(Chief Clerk) (Chief Clerk)

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25

Date _____

The roll call vote was 5 For 0 Against

Yes: 5

No: 0

Excused: Smith, Robinson, Ingle, Adair

Absent: None

S0752PA1

Underscored material = new
[bracketed material] = delete