12 13 22 23

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 16

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

INTRODUCED BY

MARY JANE M. GARCIA

5

1

2

7

9

10

11

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

24

25

A JOINT MEMORIAL

FOR THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

REQUESTING THAT THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE TO STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE TRANSFER OF MONEY BETWEEN THE TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES BLOCK GRANT AND THE CHILD CARE DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT.

WHEREAS, the major purpose of welfare reform is to assist parents in obtaining sustainable employment that leads to selfsufficiency; and

WHEREAS, both cash assistance and support services, especially child care, are crucial for obtaining this goal; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of the temporary assistance for needy families block grant threatens the state's support for child care for the working poor; and

WHEREAS, federal law allows for the transfer of money from the temporary assistance for needy families block grant;

1

2

3

5

6

7

8

9

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico legislative council establish a task force consisting of agency personnel, childcare advocates and consumers to review and make recommendations to the human services department and the children, youth and families department regarding the transfer of money between the temporary assistance for needy families block grants and the child care development block grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that preliminary findings of the task force be reported to the appropriate legislative committee by October 31, 1997; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the secretaries of human services and children, youth and families and to members of the legislative council.

- 2 -