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SENATE BILL 689

**44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999**

INTRODUCED BY

Ramsey Gorham

AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO ASSIST PERSONS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL  
DISABILITIES; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Section 1. APPROPRIATION. --

A. Eleven million two hundred ten thousand dollars  
(\$11,210,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the  
department of health for expenditure in fiscal years 1999 and  
2000 to provide services to developmentally disabled and  
elderly disabled persons waiting for services as follows:

(1) eight million eight hundred seventy  
thousand dollars (\$8,870,000) to provide sufficient funding to  
the developmentally disabled population to maximize the  
currently approved slots for the six hundred nineteen persons  
on the central registry for waiver services;

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1 (2) one million two hundred thousand dollars  
2 (\$1,200,000) to provide sufficient funding to the disabled and  
3 elderly population to maximize the currently approved slots  
4 for the three hundred seventeen persons on the central  
5 registry for waiver services;

6 (3) four hundred thirty-one thousand dollars  
7 (\$431,000) to adjust direct-care staff salaries for those who  
8 assist the developmentally disabled waiver population;

9 (4) two hundred fifty thousand dollars  
10 (\$250,000) to adjust rates in the disabled and elderly waiver  
11 program;

12 (5) one hundred nine thousand dollars  
13 (\$109,000) to authorize and appropriate four full-time-  
14 equivalent positions to the long-term services division to  
15 support the added caseload for the disabled and elderly waiver  
16 program; and

17 (6) three hundred fifty thousand dollars  
18 (\$350,000) to provide support through the eligibility process  
19 to persons on the developmentally disabled waiver central  
20 registry.

21 B. The department of health shall use funds  
22 granted to the department for the purpose of addressing  
23 substance abuse as it applies to the developmentally disabled  
24 and the disabled and elderly populations and to coordinate  
25 efforts on prevention of developmental and acquired

1 disabilities through substance abuse.

2 C. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance  
3 remaining at the end of fiscal year 2000 shall revert to the  
4 general fund.

5 D. It is the intent of the legislature that this  
6 shall be the first year of a three-year commitment to fill the  
7 health care and financing agencies' allotted waiver slots for  
8 the developmentally disabled population and the disabled and  
9 elderly population.

10 Section 2. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public  
11 peace, health and safety that this act take effect  
12 immediately.

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8 Mr. President:  
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10 Your PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred  
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14 has had it under consideration and reports same WITHOUT  
15 RECOMMENDATION, and thence referred to the FINANCE COMMITTEE.  
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18 Respectfully submitted,  
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24 Shannon Robinson, Chairman  
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The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against

Yes: 6

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Excused: Boitano, Ingle, Smith

Absent: None

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