

1 HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 14
2 44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999

3 INTRODUCED BY
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8 FOR THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL
11 ENCOURAGING THE CREATION OF A STATEWIDE VOLUNTEER CHILD ABUSE
12 AND NEGLECT COUNCIL TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REFORMING THE
13 STATE'S CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM; REQUESTING IMMEDIATE ACTION BY
14 THE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES DEPARTMENT TO CONVENE A STUDY
15 GROUP.
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17 WHEREAS, the children, youth and families department and
18 other advocates for children would like to improve services to
19 New Mexico's abused and neglected children; and

20 WHEREAS, there exist in New Mexico many highly trained
21 persons in both private and public service and many active
22 nonprofit social service organizations, all making substantial
23 efforts on a daily basis to protect the state's abused and
24 neglected children;

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE

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1 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the children, youth and families
2 department convene and assist a statewide volunteer child
3 abuse and neglect council to make recommendations to the
4 department and the legislature on how best to care for our
5 thousands of abused and neglected children; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the children, youth and
7 families department be requested to initiate contracts with
8 the state's private organizations licensed as child placement
9 agencies as soon as practicable in order to expand the number
10 of public accommodations for abused and neglected children;
11 and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department consider
13 increasing payments to foster home parents so that the money
14 will at least cover the costs of providing housing, food and
15 clothing, which it does not do at present; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department continuously
17 conduct a dialogue with the medicaid managed care
18 organizations about the importance of increasing lengths of
19 stay in treatment foster settings and increasing payments for
20 foster care, particularly in cases of abuse and neglect
21 requiring special counseling and treatment for these
22 vulnerable children; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department report its
24 progress on these issues to the interim legislative health and
25 human services committee at its July 1999 meeting and deliver

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1 recommendations to begin to permanently resolve these critical
2 problems to the same committee at its October 1999 meeting;
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
5 sent to the secretary of children, youth and families.

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2 FIRST SESSION, 1999
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6 February 4, 1999
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8 Mr. Speaker:
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10 Your CONSUMER AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to
11 whom has been referred
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15 has had it under consideration and reports same with
16 recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the
17 APPROPRIATIONS & FINANCE COMMITTEE.

18 Respectfully submitted,
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23 Patsy Trujillo Knauer,
24 Chairwoman
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The roll call vote was 7 For 0 Against

Yes: 7

Excused: None

Absent: None

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Excused: Buffett, Parsons, Salazar, Taylor, Wallace, Watchman

Absent: None

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