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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC FUNDS; REQUIRING STATE AGENCIES TO SUBMIT AN ACCOUNTABILITY AND EVALUATION PLAN FOR PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS THAT RECEIVE FUNDING FROM THE GOVERNMENT RESULTS AND OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM FUND TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE BUDGET DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

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

SECTION 1. A new section of the Accountability in

Government Act is enacted to read:

"PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS FUNDED BY THE GOVERNMENT RESULTS AND OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM FUND--ACCOUNTABILITY AND EVALUATION PLANS.--

A. The division director and the director of the committee shall develop instructions for agencies to submit an accountability and evaluation plan for each program or project that is funded by an appropriation from the government results and opportunity program fund. An accountability and evaluation plan shall, for each program or project:

(1) identify the goals, objectives and expected outputs and outcomes;

(2) describe the specific activities of the program or project and how those activities will achieve

1 expected outcomes;

2 (3) provide a summary of whether the program
3 or project is evidence-based, research-based, promising or
4 does not yet have rigorous research on its effectiveness;

5 (4) provide a list of performance measures
6 and a monitoring plan to regularly assess performance;

7 (5) provide an evaluation plan to assess the
8 causal impact on expected outcomes; and

9 (6) describe the methods and time line for
10 releasing accountability and evaluation results to the
11 division director, the director of the committee and the
12 public.

13 B. On or before May 1 of each year, the division
14 director shall notify each agency required to submit an
15 accountability and evaluation plan. The agency shall submit
16 the plan to the division director and the director of the
17 committee on or before July 1 of the year the appropriation
18 is made and, if the division director and the director of the
19 committee require, a revised plan on or before September 1 of
20 the same year.

21 C. On or before July 15 of the final year of an
22 appropriation for a program or project, the division director
23 and the director of the committee shall consider the
24 evaluation performed on the program or project and make
25 recommendations regarding inclusion of the program in the

