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**HOUSE BILL 678**

**45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001**

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**AN ACT**

**MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY  
FAMILIES BLOCK GRANT FOR PROGRAMS TO ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT  
MARRIAGE.**

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

**Section 1. APPROPRIATIONS. --**

**A. The following amounts are appropriated from the  
temporary assistance for needy families block grant to the  
board of regents of New Mexico state university for the  
cooperative extension service for expenditure in fiscal year  
2002 for the following purposes:**

**(1) eight hundred thousand dollars (\$800,000)  
to develop and implement a statewide program to teach marriage  
skills and marriage maintenance skills, including the meaning  
and benefit of marriage, communication skills, conflict**

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1 resolution skills, the economic and social impacts of divorce  
2 and the effects of divorce on children, to participants in the  
3 temporary assistance for needy families program; and

4 (2) two hundred fifty thousand dollars  
5 (\$250,000) to develop and implement a statewide media campaign  
6 to laud the benefits of marriage.

7 B. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance  
8 remaining at the end of fiscal year 2002 shall revert to the  
9 human services department and shall retain its character as  
10 temporary assistance for needy families block grant funding.