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SENATE BILL 180

47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2005

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AN ACT

**MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR STATEWIDE PROGRAMS THAT AFFECT NEW
MEXICO CHILDREN.**

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

Section 1. APPROPRIATION. --

**A. The following amounts are appropriated from the
general fund to the administrative office of the courts for
expenditure in fiscal year 2006 for the following purposes:**

**(1) three hundred fifty-six thousand three
hundred thirteen dollars (\$356,313) for court-appointed
attorney fees to increase the number of compensated hours paid
statewide to attorneys in abuse and neglect cases;**

**(2) three hundred five thousand six hundred
seventy-six dollars (\$305,676) to replace federal grant funds
for mediation services in abuse and neglect cases in the**

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1 second, fifth, sixth, seventh, eleventh and thirteenth judicial
2 districts, expand mediation services to additional judicial
3 districts and fund network services for training and quality
4 assurance;

5 (3) one hundred twenty-eight thousand two
6 hundred forty-eight dollars (\$128,248) to expand existing
7 court-appointed special advocate programs in the fourth, fifth,
8 sixth, seventh, eleventh, twelfth and thirteenth judicial
9 districts and add new programs in the sixth and thirteenth
10 judicial districts; and

11 (4) two hundred forty thousand nine hundred
12 fifty-eight dollars (\$240,958) to maintain existing access and
13 visitation programs in the first, second, fifth, ninth and
14 thirteenth judicial districts, add new programs to additional
15 judicial districts and fund network services for training and
16 quality assurance.

17 B. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining
18 at the end of fiscal year 2006 shall revert to the general
19 fund.