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SENATE BILL 227

49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009

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AN ACT

RELATING TO CHILDREN'S HEALTH; SPECIFYING THE FACTORS TO BE
USED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN DEVISING A SUSTAINABLE
FUNDING FORMULA FOR THE FAMILY INFANT TODDLER PROGRAM.

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

Section 1. FAMILY INFANT TODDLER PROGRAM--FUNDING
FORMULA.--

A. The department of health shall devise a funding
formula for the "family infant toddler program" to ensure the
successful operation of the program and provide the mechanism
whereby the department's annual budget request shall be made.
The funding formula shall use an average annual census of the
number of children served and a per child unit value that
includes a numeric differential that reflects the unique costs
of providing community-based, in-home services to infants and

1 toddlers with disabilities and developmental delays. The
2 funding formula shall account for all other federal, local and
3 private revenue used in the family infant toddler program when
4 determining the amount of general funds needed to operate the
5 program.

6 B. To determine the amount of funding needed for
7 the family infant toddler program, the department shall:

8 (1) use the public education department's
9 "pupil unit value" as a baseline cost per child served;

10 (2) calculate the family infant toddler
11 program cost differential, which shall be the numeric
12 expression of a ratio of the unique costs of serving infants
13 and toddlers to the pupil unit value;

14 (3) compute the "family infant toddler unit
15 value" by multiplying the pupil unit value and the family
16 infant toddler program cost differential;

17 (4) determine the annual child census of
18 children served in the family infant toddler program by
19 averaging the number of children enrolled for services on the
20 sixtieth day of the current fiscal year with the number of
21 children enrolled on the three hundredth day of the prior
22 fiscal year;

23 (5) compute the "total program costs" for the
24 family infant toddler program by multiplying the family infant
25 toddler unit value by the average child census; and

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(6) determine the amount of general funds
needed by subtracting the amount of non-state revenue accessed
by the family infant toddler program from the total program
costs.