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**50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2011**

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AN ACT

RELATING TO SOCIAL SERVICES; REQUIRING STATE AGENCIES THAT  
PROVIDE SOCIAL SERVICES TO CONTRACT WITH A NEW MEXICO ENTITY  
THAT OPERATES A STATEWIDE DATABASE OF SOCIAL SERVICES.

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

**SECTION 1. SOCIAL SERVICES DATABASE.--**

A. Each state agency and contractor that provides  
social services shall contract with a social services database  
provider. The database shall provide residents with access to  
information regarding state and federal agencies, local  
government bodies, philanthropic organizations and other  
organizations that provide social services. The database  
shall:

(1) be available statewide, in both rural and  
urban areas;

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1                   (2) offer a comprehensive database of social  
2 services, including contact information regarding any persons  
3 providing social services pursuant to contract. The social  
4 service information provided in the database shall include, at  
5 minimum:

6                   (a) behavioral and physical health  
7 services, including individual behavioral and physical health  
8 providers;

9                   (b) transportation services;

10                  (c) housing and housing retrofitting  
11 services;

12                  (d) food services;

13                  (e) legal services, including individual  
14 legal services entities or practitioners; and

15                  (f) employment services;

16                  (3) be offered in at least two languages,  
17 including English and Spanish;

18                  (4) be easy to access and understand by  
19 residents who have minimal reading and computer literacy  
20 skills;

21                  (5) provide for electronic updates by  
22 individual organizations and their representatives;

23                  (6) offer a systematic update of the services  
24 and resources listed;

25                  (7) be available for viewing online and in

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1 customizable print documents;

2 (8) be retrievable in a variety of electronic  
3 formats so as to be widely accessible in accordance with  
4 current industry standards;

5 (9) be able to be customized to support the  
6 information needs of an organization populating the database;  
7 and

8 (10) offer in-person training or training that  
9 is available through virtual online technology on using and  
10 sharing information with the database.

11 B. Each state agency or contractor that offers  
12 social services shall provide to the social services database  
13 provider information regarding the social services that the  
14 agency or contractor provides and shall keep that information  
15 current in the database.

16 C. A state agency or contractor that uses public  
17 funds to fund an incomplete project or to complete a project  
18 shall share information about the project with the social  
19 services database provider.

20 D. In grant requests for projects that entail  
21 resource data collection, a state agency shall include a  
22 request for funding to use and share information with a social  
23 services database pursuant to this section and a request for  
24 funding customized data collection tools to support specific  
25 project needs.

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1           E. A state agency that provides social services  
2 shall seek partnerships among other state agencies, the federal  
3 government and private nonprofit persons to identify and apply  
4 for available grant funding and other in-kind and financial  
5 resources for the implementation of the provisions of this  
6 section.

7           F. For the purposes of this section:

8                   (1) "contractor" means a person that provides  
9 social services for a state agency pursuant to contract;

10                   (2) "database" means a repository of  
11 information, stored online or otherwise by means of information  
12 technology, on one or more subjects that is organized in a way  
13 that facilitates local or remote information retrieval;

14                   (3) "social service" means assistance at no or  
15 below-market cost, including behavioral, dental and physical  
16 health care; care for dependent adults or children; education;  
17 food; housing or housing improvement; legal services; and  
18 transportation; and help in maintaining affordable access to  
19 utilities and other life essentials provided to improve the  
20 life and living conditions for persons in need of that  
21 assistance; and

22                   (4) "social services database provider" means  
23 a single entity that is based in the state that operates  
24 statewide an online database of social services.