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SENATE BILL 531

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

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AN ACT

RELATING TO DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES; PROHIBITING THE USE OF
AGENCY FUNDS TO PAY PLAINTIFFS' ATTORNEYS FROM THE *ACLU V. CYFD*
LAWSUIT IN FISCAL YEAR 2012; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION; DECLARING
AN EMERGENCY.

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

**SECTION 1. PROHIBITION ON PAYMENT TO PLAINTIFFS'
ATTORNEYS.--**

A. No funds shall be expended to pay attorney fees,
expert witness fees or other expenses that may be claimed by
plaintiffs' attorneys in the *ACLU v. CYFD* lawsuit and
settlement, NM Dist. Ct., 1st Jud. Dist. No.
D-0101-CV-2007-02921 or related cases.

B. Upon enactment of this section, the children,
youth and families department, the corrections department, the

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1 human services department, the vocational rehabilitation
2 division of the public education department and other involved
3 departments shall cease using any funds for the purpose of
4 paying such plaintiffs' attorney fees.

5 C. Funds saved by the enactment of this section
6 shall be appropriated to reduce the developmental disabilities
7 waiver waiting list and are authorized for transfer to the
8 department of health for that purpose.

9 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public
10 peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.