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50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2012

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE JUVENILE JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO CONVENE A
TASK FORCE TO DESIGN AND IMPLEMENT A PROFESSIONAL TRAINING
PROGRAM FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE STAFF AND JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM
STAKEHOLDERS PURSUANT TO RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE JUVENILE
JUSTICE GENDER-RESPONSIVE TASK FORCE.

WHEREAS, the statutory juvenile justice advisory
committee, appointed pursuant to the federal Juvenile Justice
and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, has received federal
juvenile justice and delinquency prevention funds, including
funds earmarked to support young women in the New Mexico
juvenile justice system; and

WHEREAS, the juvenile justice advisory committee has
recognized that services for girls must be gender-responsive,
culturally sensitive and must address gender-related issues in

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1 order to be effective; and

2 WHEREAS, in order to improve the lives of girls in the
3 juvenile justice system, professional training for juvenile
4 justice staff and juvenile justice system stakeholders is
5 needed; and

6 WHEREAS, the task force convened by the juvenile justice
7 advisory committee will not require additional state funds;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
9 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the juvenile
10 justice advisory committee be requested to convene a task force
11 composed of: a member of the juvenile justice advisory
12 committee serving on the gender subcommittee; a representative
13 from the staff of the children, youth and families department
14 with direct experience working with girls in the juvenile
15 justice system; a member of the intervention team of the second
16 judicial district girls' probation unit; a staff member from a
17 county juvenile detention system with direct experience working
18 with girls; a representative from the New Mexico women's
19 justice project; a provider of gender-responsive services; and
20 a girl who has been served by the juvenile justice system and
21 has successfully transitioned into the community; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be requested to
23 design and implement a professional training program targeting
24 juvenile justice staff and juvenile justice system stakeholders
25 consistent with the recommendations of the juvenile justice

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1 gender-responsive task force; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the juvenile justice advisory
3 committee be requested to report to the legislative health and
4 human services committee by October 1, 2012 setting forth
5 actions taken to implement the recommendations of the juvenile
6 justice gender-responsive task force; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
8 transmitted to the children, youth and families department and
9 to the juvenile justice advisory committee.