

1 SENATE BILL 127

2 **52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2016**

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10 AN ACT

11 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES
12 DEPARTMENT TO FUND LEGAL SERVICES AND CASEWORK SERVICES TO
13 SUPPORT KINSHIP CAREGIVERS STATEWIDE.

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

16 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.--

17 A. Two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) is
18 appropriated from the general fund to the children, youth and
19 families department for expenditure in fiscal year 2017 to fund
20 legal services and casework services to support kinship
21 caregivers statewide. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance
22 remaining at the end of fiscal year 2017 shall revert to the
23 general fund.

24 B. As used in this section, "kinship caregiver"
25 means a relative within five degrees of consanguinity or

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