

1 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 1

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

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10 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

11 CREATING THE "CHILD SAFETY AND WELL-BEING OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE"
12 TO INQUIRE INTO RESPONSES BY THE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES
13 DEPARTMENT TO REPORTS OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT.

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15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
16 NEW MEXICO, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN, that:

17 "A. The "child safety and well-being oversight
18 committee" is created as a special joint committee of the
19 legislature. Four members of the house of representatives, two
20 from each of the political parties having the most members in
21 the house, shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of
22 representatives. Four members of the senate, two from each of
23 the political parties having the most membership in the senate,
24 shall be appointed by the senate committees' committee. The
25 speaker and the committees' committee shall each appoint a co-

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2 B. The committee shall inquire into the responses
3 by the children, youth and families department to reports of
4 child abuse and neglect, from the initial referral of a report
5 of child abuse or neglect to the statewide central intake unit
6 of the department to a determination by the department that
7 allegations are substantiated or unsubstantiated, including
8 cases in which children have been injured or killed after an
9 initial referral to the department has been received. The
10 committee may examine the policies, procedures and practices of
11 other departments and agencies, including those of political
12 subdivisions, as it determines is necessary.

13 C. The committee is deemed by the house of
14 representatives and the senate to be a standing committee for
15 the purposes of Section 2-1-10 NMSA 1978 and is authorized to
16 request either the house or the senate to compel, on behalf of
17 the committee, the testimony of witnesses or production of
18 documents relevant to the committee's work.

19 D. Staff for the committee shall be provided by the
20 legislative council service. The committee is authorized,
21 through the legislative council service and subject to
22 available appropriations, to retain special counsel and other
23 staff as necessary.

24 E. The committee is authorized to meet during and
25 between legislative sessions. As provided by Section 10-15-2

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1 NMSA 1978, the committee is authorized to meet in closed
2 session to hear testimony, consider material or discuss
3 information that in the judgment of the committee cannot or
4 should not be disclosed publicly.

5 F. The committee shall make an initial report of
6 its findings and recommendations, if any, no later than January
7 31, 2017."