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AN ACT
RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES; ENACTING THE CHILD CARE
ASSISTANCE ACCOUNTABILITY ACT; REQUIRING THE CHILDREN, YOUTH
AND FAMILIES DEPARTMENT TO ESTABLISH THE CHILD CARE
ASSISTANCE ACCOUNTABILITY PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR RULEMAKING.

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

SECTION 1. A new section of the Children's Code is
enacted to read:

"SHORT TITLE.--This act may be cited as the "Child Care
Assistance Accountability Act"."

SECTION 2. A new section of the Children's Code is
enacted to read:

"DEFINITIONS.--As used in the Child Care Assistance
Accountability Act:

A. "child care assistance" means financial
assistance administered by the department that provides child
care for children zero to five as the primary service
delivery strategy through a contract with child care
providers on behalf of eligible families;

B. "child care assistance program" means the
statewide infrastructure established by the department of all
eligible families and the child care programs receiving child
care assistance on their behalf;

C. "culturally and linguistically appropriate"
means taking into consideration the culture, customs and
language of an eligible family; and