

1 SENATE BILL 88

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

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO CAREGIVERS; PROVIDING FOR THE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND  
12 FAMILIES DEPARTMENT TO COLLABORATE WITH THE TAXATION AND  
13 REVENUE DEPARTMENT AND THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE  
14 OUTREACH AND EDUCATION FOR KINSHIP CAREGIVERS ON THE  
15 AVAILABILITY OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND TAX RELIEF; MAKING AN  
16 APPROPRIATION.

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

19 SECTION 1. TEMPORARY PROVISION--KINSHIP CAREGIVERS--  
20 OUTREACH AND EDUCATION.--

21 A. By September 1, 2016, the secretary of children,  
22 youth and families shall establish, in consultation with the  
23 human services department, the taxation and revenue department  
24 and the grandparents raising grandchildren organization, a one-  
25 year, statewide demonstration project of outreach and education

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1 on the availability to kinship caregivers of public assistance  
2 programs, including the temporary assistance for needy families  
3 program, medical assistance and child care assistance and tax  
4 relief. This outreach and education will be designed to target  
5 kinship caregivers and to train personnel of the children,  
6 youth and families department, the human services department  
7 and the taxation and revenue department about the rights of  
8 kinship caregivers and special circumstances relating to  
9 kinship care.

10 B. The children, youth and families department  
11 shall collect data on the number of kinship caregivers served  
12 and department personnel it has trained. By November 1, 2017,  
13 the children, youth and families department shall report its  
14 findings and any recommendations for establishing a permanent  
15 kinship caregiver outreach and education program to the  
16 legislative health and human services committee.

17 C. As used in this section:

18 (1) "kinship caregiver" means a means an adult  
19 who is a relative but not a parent of a child, with whom the  
20 child resides and who provides that child with the care,  
21 maintenance and supervision consistent with the duties and  
22 responsibilities of a parent of the child; and

23 (2) "relative" means an individual related to  
24 a child as a spouse, parent, stepparent, brother, sister,  
25 stepbrother, stepsister, half-brother, half-sister, uncle,

1 aunt, niece, nephew, first cousin or any person denoted by the  
2 prefix "grand" or "great", or the spouse or former spouse of  
3 the persons specified.

4 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.--One hundred thousand dollars  
5 (\$100,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the  
6 children, youth and families department for expenditure in  
7 fiscal year 2017 to fund the administration, outreach and  
8 education of the statewide demonstration project for kinship  
9 caregivers established pursuant to Section 1 of this act. Any  
10 unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of  
11 fiscal year 2017 shall revert to the general fund.