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SENATE BILL 130

54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019

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AN ACT

RELATING TO FAMILIES; ENACTING A NEW SECTION OF THE CHILDREN'S
CODE TO REQUIRE THE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES DEPARTMENT TO
PAY FOR THE COSTS OF DRIVER EDUCATION, LICENSURE AND MOTOR
VEHICLE INSURANCE OF CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT; MAKING
AN APPROPRIATION.

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:

"[NEW MATERIAL] CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT--DRIVER
EDUCATION--LICENSURE--MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE.--

A. To the extent that funding is available, the
department shall establish a program to pay the cost of the
following on behalf of children in out-of-home care:

- (1) driver education, for children in out-of-

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1 home care who live in school districts where driver education
2 is not provided free of charge to students enrolled in those
3 districts;

4 (2) motor vehicle driver's licensure and other
5 costs incidental to driver's licensure; and

6 (3) motor vehicle insurance for children in
7 out-of-home care who have successfully completed a driver
8 education program.

9 B. If a caregiver adds a child to the caregiver's
10 existing motor vehicle insurance policy, the amount paid to the
11 caregiver or approved purchaser shall not exceed the increase
12 in cost attributable to the addition of the child to the
13 policy.

14 C. Payment shall be made to eligible recipients in
15 the order of eligibility until available funds are exhausted.
16 If a child determined to be eligible reaches permanency status
17 or turns eighteen years of age, the program may pay for that
18 child to complete a driver education program and obtain a
19 driver's license for a maximum of six months after the date the
20 child reaches permanency status or six months after the date
21 the child turns eighteen years of age."

22 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.--One hundred fifty thousand
23 dollars (\$150,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
24 children, youth and families department for expenditure in
25 fiscal year 2020 to fund driver education, motor vehicle

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1 driver's licensure and motor vehicle insurance for children in
2 out-of-home placements. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance
3 remaining at the end of fiscal year 2020 shall revert to the
4 general fund.

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