

American Legion Auxiliary
New Mexico Girls State
2016 Bill/Resolution



Committee: Health

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Bill No.: Senate 55

Delegation: ALA NM Girls State 2016

Status: Passed by Legislature and Governor

Title of Bill: Sibling Rights to Visitation

1 **Section I. Body:** relating to adoption, divorce, etc. a sibling has the right to see one
2 another. This bill is to ensure that a bond between siblings will continue under any
3 circumstances this is a huge issue in New Mexico, because of the over population of
4 children in Child Welfare Agency's such as, CYFD. Many children who come into foster
5 care with siblings are separated due to the fact that there are not enough foster parents
6 to help support the children by keeping them together. Visitation with siblings may be
7 minimal however each sibling may never get the chance to see one another for the time
8 being that they are in foster care.

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10 **Be It Enacted By The American Legion Auxiliary New Mexico Girls State 2016**

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12 **Section II. Definitions:** CYFD: Children, Youth, and Family Department.

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14 **Section IV. Repeal:** all laws, acts, provisions, or parts of laws contained in the
15 constitution of the State of New Mexico in conflict with any provision of this act are
16 hereby repealed.

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18 **Section V. Effective Date:** Immediately