

American Legion Auxiliary
New Mexico Girls State
Resolution



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Simple Title of Resolution: Confirmation of Child Safety

1 SENATE RESOLUTION
2 **72nd SESSION – AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NEW MEXICO GIRLS STATE – 2019**
3 INTRODUCED BY
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7 A RESOLUTION
8 New Mexico Statutes Chapter 32A. Children's Code § 32A-4-4. Complaints; referral;
9 preliminary inquiry. The purpose of this resolution is to create confirmation of child safety
10 between the government and the people

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
12 NEW MEXICO GIRLS STATE:

13 SECTION 1. **The purpose of this resolution is to confirm safety of any and all**
14 **children reported to be abused and or harmed. The current bill (New**

1 **Mexico Statutes Chapter 32A. Children's Code § 32A-4-4. Complaints; referral;**
2 **preliminary inquiry)states that,"After completion of the investigation on a neglect or**
3 **abuse report, the department shall either recommend or refuse to recommend the**
4 **filing of a petition." This does not cover the fact that some cases of child abuse and**
5 **neglect can be over looked.The amendment I would like to make to this section is to**
6 **make writing a petition mandatory to either confirm that the child and or children in**
7 **question are cleared to be returned to parents/guardians. If the child is not proven to**
8 **be in safe conditions with parents and or gardens the petition is to still be turned in**
9 **confirming that the investigation was done and the following was the finding ,**
10 **founded or unfounded. Certified personal is to provide this clearance. If found guilty**
11 **of child neglect or abuse current guidelines will still be in place. This resolution**
12 **ensures that law enforcement and the state is aware of the findings if in case there**
13 **were to be other reports filed against the same offenders.This resolution also holds**
14 **the state and law enforcement accountable for children that have been reported. I**
15 **hope that with the amendment of this bill I can help improve the lives of children**
16 **around New Mexico. I also hope that this amendment can bring child abusers to**
17 **justice.**

18 SECTION 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be submitted to the
19 people for their approval or rejection at the next general election or at any special election
20 prior to that date that may be called for that purpose.