

reaching retirement age. I vetoed similar legislation last year that would have permitted New Mexico's teachers to receive a paycheck, a retirement check, as well as additional state contributions to their retirement account. As with teachers, state police officers can take advantage of a strong state pension system. While I am open to a change in law which would allow a police officer or a teacher to retire and resume working in the public sector without penalty, I cannot allow these individuals to draw two incomes and receive additional benefits.

S 267 DONATE SCHOOL BUSES TO NEW MEXICO WORKS PROGRAM

March 7, 2000

SENATE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 81

I have this day VETOED and am returning SENATE BILL 267, enacted by the Forty-Fourth Legislature, Second Session, 2000.

This bill commands the state Department of Education to identify and donate obsolete school buses, operated by local school districts, to the State Highway and Transportation Department. The donated buses would then be employed to transport New Mexico Works Program participants and to provide transportation for the state's rural residents. I vetoed similar legislation last year, and do so again, because these buses are potentially unsafe and could therefore endanger New Mexico Works Program riders. No provision is provided in this bill for the inspection, maintenance, and repair of these worn-out buses. I cannot sign legislation that would put New Mexico's citizens at risk as well as create potential liability for the state.

CS/S 296 TREATMENT FOSTER CARE PROGRAMS

March 7, 2000

SENATE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 74

I have this day VETOED and am returning SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL 296, with emergency clause enacted by the Forty-Fourth Legislature, Second Session, 2000.

This legislation requires the exclusion of treatment foster care from the Medicaid Managed Care