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HOUSE BILL 130

**50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2011**

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FOR THE GOVERNMENT RESTRUCTURING TASK FORCE

AN ACT

RELATING TO GOVERNMENT RESTRUCTURING; EXTENDING THE GOVERNMENT  
RESTRUCTURING TASK FORCE; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. Laws 2010, Chapter 101, Section 1 is amended  
to read:

"Section 1. TEMPORARY PROVISION--GOVERNMENT RESTRUCTURING  
TASK FORCE CREATED.--The "government restructuring task force"  
is created. The task force shall function from the date of its  
appointment until December 31, [~~2010~~] 2011."

SECTION 2. Laws 2010, Chapter 101, Section 2 is amended  
to read:

"Section 2. TEMPORARY PROVISION--MEMBERSHIP--  
APPOINTMENT--VACANCIES.--

A. The government restructuring task force shall be

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1 composed of [~~seventeen~~] eighteen voting members. Five members  
2 of the house of representatives shall be appointed by the  
3 speaker of the house of representatives, and five members of  
4 the senate shall be appointed by the committees' committee of  
5 the senate or, if the appointments are made in the interim, by  
6 the president pro tempore of the senate after consultation with  
7 and agreement of a majority of the members of the committees'  
8 committee.

9 B. Members of the government restructuring task  
10 force shall be appointed from each house so as to give the two  
11 major political parties in each house the same proportional  
12 representation on the task force as prevails in each house.  
13 Vacancies on the task force shall be filled by appointment in  
14 the same manner as the original appointments. The chair and  
15 vice chair of the task force shall be elected by the task  
16 force.

17 C. Six public members with expertise in public and  
18 private sector organizational structure and operations shall be  
19 appointed to the task force, three of whom shall be appointed  
20 by the speaker of the house of representatives and three of  
21 whom shall be appointed by the president pro tempore of the  
22 senate. The public members shall reflect the ethnic, cultural  
23 and geographic diversity of the state.

24 D. The secretary of finance and administration and  
25 a member of the governor's staff shall be [~~a member~~] members of

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1 the task force.

2 E. The task force shall meet at the call of the  
3 chair as necessary to carry out its duties, but no less than  
4 once and no more than twice a month. The first meeting of 2011  
5 shall be held no later than April 22, [~~2010~~] 2011.

6 F. Three absences from meetings of the task force  
7 shall constitute grounds for removal of a member of the task  
8 force. Upon the request of the chair of the task force, the  
9 appointing authority shall replace the member who has failed to  
10 attend three meetings of the task force.

11 G. A majority of the members constitutes a quorum  
12 for the transaction of business. The support of a majority of  
13 the members is required for adoption of any action by the task  
14 force; provided, however, that the final report of the task  
15 force, including its recommendations and proposed legislation,  
16 must have the support of a majority of the legislative  
17 members."

18 SECTION 3. Laws 2010, Chapter 101, Section 3 is amended  
19 to read:

20 "Section 3. TEMPORARY PROVISION--DUTIES.--

21 A. After its appointment, the government  
22 restructuring task force shall hold one organizational meeting  
23 to develop a work plan and budget for the ensuing interim.

24 B. The government restructuring task force shall  
25 study the current resources of the state's agencies, programs,

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1 services, funding and policies and the public needs served by  
2 them, including the:

3 (1) recommendations ~~[of]~~ from the ~~[governor's~~  
4 ~~committee]~~ first year of the task force and from any committees  
5 on government efficiency appointed by the governor;

6 (2) need for continued consolidation of  
7 agencies and elimination or reduction of redundant, duplicative  
8 or overlapping programs or services;

9 (3) current and projected staffing needs of  
10 state agencies for full-time, part-time, term, temporary and  
11 contract employment; ~~[and]~~

12 (4) current and projected revenue estimates  
13 for the next three to five fiscal years;

14 (5) further scrutiny of cost-savings and  
15 efficiencies in the judicial and legislative branches;

16 (6) monitoring of the higher education funding  
17 formula task force's work to redesign that formula;

18 (7) monitoring of public school and higher  
19 education implementation of articulation and credit  
20 transferability statutes and performance of college freshmen  
21 from New Mexico high schools; and

22 (8) monitoring of executive reorganizations.

23 C. The government restructuring task force shall  
24 solicit public input.

25 ~~[D. The government restructuring task force shall~~

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1 ~~study the recommendations, initiatives and statutory changes~~  
2 ~~that occurred between 1975 and 1978 in reorganizing state~~  
3 ~~government.~~

4 ~~E.]~~ D. The government restructuring task force  
5 shall examine the statutes, constitutional provisions, rules  
6 and court decisions governing state government and  
7 reorganization and recommend legislation or changes.

8 ~~[F.]~~ E. The department of finance and  
9 administration and the various agencies of the state shall  
10 cooperate with the task force and provide the task force with  
11 information regarding budget, staffing, organizational  
12 structure and other information as requested by the task  
13 force."

14 SECTION 4. [NEW MATERIAL] TEMPORARY PROVISION--  
15 SUBCOMMITTEES.--Subcommittees shall be created only by majority  
16 vote of all members appointed to the government restructuring  
17 task force. A subcommittee shall be composed of at least one  
18 member from the senate and one member from the house of  
19 representatives, and at least one member of the minority party  
20 shall be a member of the subcommittee. All meetings and  
21 expenditures of a subcommittee shall be approved by the full  
22 task force in advance of such meeting or expenditure, and the  
23 approval shall be shown in the minutes of the task force.

24 SECTION 5. Laws 2010, Chapter 101, Section 5 is amended  
25 to read:

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