

1 SENATE BILL 447

2 **51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH; CREATING THE NATIVE AMERICAN  
12 SUICIDE PREVENTION ADVISORY COUNCIL.

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

15 SECTION 1. [NEW MATERIAL] NATIVE AMERICAN SUICIDE  
16 PREVENTION ADVISORY COUNCIL--CREATED--TERMS--QUORUM--  
17 MEETINGS.--

18 A. There is created a "Native American suicide  
19 prevention advisory council". The council shall consist of  
20 eleven voting members and shall assist in developing policies,  
21 rules and priorities for the New Mexico clearinghouse for  
22 Native American suicide prevention.

23 B. The members of the Native American suicide  
24 prevention advisory council shall be appointed as follows:

25 (1) one member representing the eight northern

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1 Indian pueblos appointed by the chair of the eight northern  
2 Indian pueblos council, incorporated;

3 (2) one member representing both the Pueblo of  
4 Laguna and the Pueblo of Zuni appointed by the chair of the all  
5 Indian pueblo council;

6 (3) one member representing the all Indian  
7 pueblo council appointed by the chair of the all Indian pueblo  
8 council;

9 (4) one member representing the southern  
10 pueblos appointed by the chair of the ten southern Indian  
11 pueblos council;

12 (5) one member representing the eastern Navajo  
13 Nation appointed by the president of the Navajo Nation;

14 (6) one member representing the western Navajo  
15 Nation appointed by the president of the Navajo Nation;

16 (7) one member representing the Mescalero  
17 Apache Tribe appointed by the president of the Mescalero Apache  
18 Tribe;

19 (8) one member representing the Jicarilla  
20 Apache Nation appointed by the president of the Jicarilla  
21 Apache Nation;

22 (9) one member representing the urban Native  
23 American population appointed by the president of the national  
24 Indian youth council, incorporated; and

25 (10) two members appointed by the chancellor

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1 for health sciences of the university of New Mexico, one member  
2 being a member of a federally recognized Indian nation, tribe  
3 or pueblo.

4 C. The council shall elect from among its members a  
5 chair, vice chair, secretary and treasurer.

6 D. The members of the Native American suicide  
7 prevention advisory council shall be appointed for overlapping  
8 terms of six years each. No more than six of the members shall  
9 belong to the same political party. The members first  
10 appointed to the council shall determine by lot from among  
11 their group four members to serve two-year terms, four members  
12 to serve four-year terms and three members to serve six-year  
13 terms. If a position on the council becomes vacant for any  
14 reason, the successor shall be selected by the original  
15 appointing authority in the same manner as the original  
16 appointment was made and shall serve for the remainder of the  
17 term vacated.

18 E. A majority of council members shall constitute a  
19 quorum to take action as the council. No act of the council is  
20 valid unless concurred to by a majority of its members present  
21 at a meeting at which a quorum exists.

22 F. The Native American suicide prevention advisory  
23 council shall meet at the call of the chair or at a time requested  
24 in a written request to the chair by four members, but not less  
25 than twice each calendar year.

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1           SECTION 2. Section 9-7-6.7 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2011,  
2 Chapter 15, Section 1) is amended to read:

3           "9-7-6.7. CLEARINGHOUSE FOR NATIVE AMERICAN SUICIDE  
4 PREVENTION--CULTURALLY BASED SUICIDE PREVENTION  
5 INITIATIVES.--

6           A. In consultation with the Indian affairs department,  
7 the interagency behavioral health purchasing collaborative,  
8 subject to available funding, shall establish:

9                         (1) a statewide clearinghouse and technical  
10 assistance program called the "New Mexico clearinghouse for Native  
11 American suicide prevention" to work with the Native American  
12 suicide prevention advisory council to provide culturally  
13 appropriate suicide prevention, intervention and post-event  
14 assistance statewide to Native American individuals, families and  
15 tribes, nations and pueblos living with suicide, attempted suicide  
16 or the risk of suicide; and

17                         (2) [~~three~~] culturally based Native American  
18 youth suicide prevention initiatives, each focused on the  
19 continuum of prevention, intervention and post-event assistance to  
20 Native American individuals, families and tribes, nations and  
21 pueblos living with suicide, attempted suicide or the risk of  
22 suicide in rural, frontier and urban communities.

23           B. As used in this section, "Native American"  
24 means a member of a federally recognized Indian tribe, nation or  
25 pueblo."

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