

HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL 506

**44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION,
2000**

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PUBLIC PEACE, HEALTH AND SAFETY; MAKING
APPROPRIATIONS TO THE CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT TO OPERATE AND
STAFF THE PENITENTIARY OF NEW MEXICO SOUTH FOR USE AS A
CLOSE-CUSTODY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY, TO INCREASE STAFFING
LEVELS, TO UPGRADE THE INMATE CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM AND THE
CRIMINAL MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM AND TO CONTRACT FOR
CORRECTIONAL EXPERTS TO MONITOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE INDEPENDENT BOARD OF INQUIRY;
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Section 1. APPROPRIATION.--

A. The following amounts are appropriated from the
general fund to the corrections department for expenditure in
fiscal years 2000 and 2001 for the following purposes:

- (1) five million two hundred thousand

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1 dollars (\$5,200,000) to operate the penitentiary of New
2 Mexico south for use as a close-custody facility and to
3 provide salaries and benefits for one hundred seventy full-
4 time employees for the operation of that facility beginning
5 on July 1, 2000;

6 (2) fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to
7 perform an inmate classification study and to implement
8 changes to the inmate classification system;

9 (3) one hundred seventy thousand dollars
10 (\$170,000) to provide salaries and benefits for three
11 additional full-time employees to support the criminal
12 management information system;

13 (4) one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000)
14 to create an inmate gang management module in the criminal
15 management information system;

16 (5) seven hundred sixty-four thousand
17 dollars (\$764,000) to provide salaries and benefits for
18 twenty-two additional full-time employees to serve as
19 additional security threat group staff;

20 (6) two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000)
21 to provide salaries and benefits for three additional full-
22 time employees to serve as contract compliance auditing
23 staff; and

24 (7) one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000)
25 to contract for correctional experts to monitor
implementation of the recommendations set forth in "The
Consultants' Report on Prison Operations in New Mexico

1 Correctional Institutions", dated January 14, 2000. The
2 correctional experts shall make themselves available to
3 report, as necessary, to the corrections department, the New
4 Mexico legislative council and the office of the attorney
5 general.

6 B. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance
7 remaining at the end of fiscal year 2001 shall revert to the
8 general fund.

9 Section 2. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public
10 peace, health and safety that this act take effect
11 immediately.

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