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HOUSE BILL 608

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

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE; CREATING THE BERNALILLO COUNTY  
CRIMINAL JUSTICE REVIEW COMMISSION; PROVIDING DUTIES AND  
REQUIRING A REPORT.

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

**SECTION 1. BERNALILLO COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE REVIEW  
COMMISSION.--**

A. The "Bernalillo county criminal justice review  
commission" is created to exist from July 1, 2013 through June  
30, 2015.

B. The commission shall be composed of the  
following members or their designees:

(1) the chief judge of the second judicial  
district;

(2) the chief judge of the Bernalillo county

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- 1 metropolitan court;
- 2 (3) the second judicial district attorney;
- 3 (4) the Bernalillo county sheriff;
- 4 (5) the chair of the board of county
- 5 commissioners of Bernalillo county;
- 6 (6) the chief of the Albuquerque police
- 7 department;
- 8 (7) the district public defender of the second
- 9 judicial district;
- 10 (8) the director of the administrative office
- 11 of the courts, under the supervision and direction of the
- 12 supreme court;
- 13 (9) the region manager of region 2 of the
- 14 adult probation and parole division of the corrections
- 15 department; and
- 16 (10) the executive director of the New Mexico
- 17 association of counties.

18 C. The director of the administrative office of the

19 courts, or the director's designee, shall chair the Bernalillo

20 county criminal justice review commission. The chair shall

21 call the first meeting of the commission to take place within

22 thirty days of the effective date of this section, and the

23 commission shall subsequently meet at the call of the chair.

24 The commission shall organize itself in a manner appropriate to

25 accomplish its duties pursuant to this section. The commission

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1 may call upon any of its members' agencies or organizations to  
2 support the work of the commission.

3 D. The Bernalillo county criminal justice review  
4 commission is charged with reviewing the criminal justice  
5 system in Bernalillo county, including the judicial process,  
6 sentencing, community corrections alternatives and jail  
7 overcrowding, for the purposes of identifying changes that will  
8 improve each members' agency or organization's ability to carry  
9 out its duties in the criminal justice system and ensuring that  
10 criminal justice is indeed just. State agencies shall provide  
11 prompt and pertinent responses to reasonable commission  
12 requests for information or support.

13 E. Following its review of the Bernalillo county  
14 criminal justice system, the Bernalillo county criminal justice  
15 review commission shall make written recommendations for  
16 revisions or alternatives to local and state laws that in the  
17 determination of the commission will serve to improve the  
18 delivery of criminal justice in Bernalillo county. A copy of  
19 the report shall be provided to each member of the board of  
20 county commissioners of Bernalillo county, to the  
21 administrative office of the courts, to the New Mexico  
22 association of counties, to the legislative finance committee  
23 and to the appropriate interim legislative committee.