

1 HOUSE BILL 306

2 **54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2020**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO INDIAN AFFAIRS; CREATING THE NATIVE AMERICAN  
12 CULTURAL PROTECTION DIVISION IN THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY  
13 GENERAL; PRESCRIBING DUTIES; CREATING REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

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

16 SECTION 1. A new section of Chapter 8, Article 5 NMSA  
17 1978 is enacted to read:

18 "[NEW MATERIAL] NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURAL PROTECTION  
19 DIVISION.--

20 A. The "Native American cultural protection  
21 division" is created within the office of the attorney general.  
22 The division shall review, oversee and address concerns  
23 relating to the protection of Native American dances and songs  
24 as state cultural resources.

25 B. The division shall consist of such personnel and

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1 have such duties as the attorney general shall designate.

2 C. The division shall work in collaboration with  
3 the Indian affairs department and cultural affairs department  
4 to develop policies and legal mechanisms to protect Native  
5 American dances and songs as state cultural resources and to  
6 promote the proper use of Native American dances and songs.  
7 The attorney general shall consult with New Mexico pueblos,  
8 nations and tribes when developing the policies and legal  
9 mechanisms to protect Native American dances and songs.

10 D. The attorney general shall report the findings  
11 and recommendations of the division to the legislature  
12 annually."