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HOUSE BILL 134

55TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2022

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AN ACT

RELATING TO SPORTS; CHANGING THE FOCUS OF THE SPORTS AUTHORITY
DIVISION OF THE TOURISM DEPARTMENT; CLARIFYING DUTIES; ADDING
MEMBERS TO AND CHANGING THE NAME OF THE SPORTS ADVISORY
COMMITTEE; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. Section 9-15A-10 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2007,
Chapter 286, Section 2 and Laws 2007, Chapter 287, Section 2)
is amended to read:

"9-15A-10. DUTIES OF THE SPORTS AUTHORITY DIVISION.--

A. The sports authority division of the department
shall:

(1) develop an overall strategic plan for
recruiting and retaining all forms of professional and amateur
sporting teams, leagues and events;

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1 (2) identify and inventory existing
2 infrastructure for sporting activities, identify and propose
3 future infrastructure and locations and identify opportunities
4 for private and public partnerships on infrastructure;

5 (3) foster relationships between sporting
6 team, league and event organizers and team, league and event
7 sponsors; and

8 (4) foster relationships among state and local
9 agencies and provide advice and direction needed to increase
10 the number and quality of sporting teams, leagues and events
11 held in New Mexico.

12 B. The sports authority division may promulgate
13 rules as necessary to:

14 (1) provide additional professional and
15 amateur sports participation by New Mexico residents;

16 (2) provide for the welfare of sports
17 participants [~~in sporting events~~];

18 (3) provide for adequate safety measures for
19 and ethical operation of sporting teams, leagues and events;

20 (4) recruit and maintain professional and
21 amateur sporting teams, leagues and events to be held in New
22 Mexico; and

23 (5) address the fiscal and tax implications of
24 Paragraphs (1) through (4) of this subsection."

25 SECTION 2. Section 9-15A-11 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2007,

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1 Chapter 286, Section 3 and Laws 2007, Chapter 287, Section 3)
2 is amended to read:

3 "9-15A-11. NEW MEXICO SPORTS [~~ADVISORY COMMITTEE~~]
4 AMBASSADORS.--

5 A. The "New Mexico sports [~~advisory committee~~]
6 ambassadors" is created to advise and support the sports
7 authority division of the department.

8 B. The New Mexico sports [~~advisory committee~~]
9 ambassadors consists of the lieutenant governor or lieutenant
10 governor's designee, the secretary of economic development or
11 the secretary's designee and the secretary of tourism or the
12 secretary's designee and a minimum of twenty-five members of
13 the public appointed by the governor [~~and six ex-officio voting~~
14 ~~members as follows:~~

- 15 (1) ~~the superintendent of regulation and~~
16 ~~licensing;~~
17 (2) ~~the secretary of economic development;~~
18 (3) ~~the secretary of tourism~~
19 (4) ~~the secretary of taxation and revenue;~~
20 (5) ~~the chief counsel to the governor; and~~
21 (6) ~~the governor's deputy chief of staff for~~
22 ~~legislative affairs.~~

23 C. ~~An ex-officio member may designate in writing~~
24 ~~another person to attend meetings of the committee and to the~~
25 ~~same extent and with the same effect act in the ex-officio~~

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1 ~~member's stead]~~. The public members shall include:

2 (1) a representative of the New Mexico
3 activities association;

4 (2) an athletic director of a high school;

5 (3) an athletic director of a school district;

6 (4) a representative of the athletics
7 department of an institution of higher education;

8 (5) a college coach of a men's sports team;

9 (6) a college coach of a women's sports team;

10 (7) a high school coach of a boys' sports
11 team;

12 (8) a high school coach of a girls' sports
13 team;

14 (9) a representative of an internet site
15 dedicated to New Mexico sports;

16 (10) a representative of a professional sports
17 franchise;

18 (11) a sports broadcaster;

19 (12) a representative of the New Mexico sports
20 hall of fame;

21 (13) a sports journalist;

22 (14) a sports radio personality; and

23 (15) a representative of a youth baseball
24 league.

25 ~~[D.]~~ C. Public members shall be appointed for four-

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1 year terms expiring on January 1 and shall serve at the
2 pleasure of the governor. Members serve until their successors
3 have been appointed and qualified. The governor may fill any
4 vacancies on the ~~[committee]~~ New Mexico sports ambassadors for
5 the remainder of an unexpired term.

6 ~~[E.]~~ D. The ~~[committee]~~ New Mexico sports
7 ambassadors shall have two co-chairs appointed by the governor,
8 one of whom shall be an ex-officio member and one of whom shall
9 be a public member. The ~~[committee]~~ New Mexico sports
10 ambassadors may elect such other officers as it deems necessary
11 to carry out its duties.

12 ~~[F.]~~ E. Public members of the ~~[committee shall]~~ New
13 Mexico sports ambassadors are entitled to receive per diem and
14 mileage as provided for nonsalaried public officers in the Per
15 Diem and Mileage Act and shall receive no other compensation,
16 perquisite or allowance.

17 ~~[G.]~~ F. Representation on the ~~[committee]~~ New
18 Mexico sports ambassadors shall resemble the demographics of
19 New Mexico ~~[in conjunction with the three congressional~~
20 ~~districts]~~ and provide for geographic balance across the
21 state."

22 **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION.--**One million dollars
23 (\$1,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
24 tourism department for expenditure in fiscal year 2023 for the
25 sports authority division to carry out expanded duties. Any

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1 unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of
2 fiscal year 2023 shall revert to the general fund.

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