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SENATE MEMORIAL 13

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

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO CONDUCT A  
STATEWIDE STUDY TO ASSESS GAPS IN SERVICE TRAINING FOR LAW  
ENFORCEMENT AND FIRST RESPONDERS REGARDING CULTURALLY AND  
SOCIALY RELEVANT RESPONSES TO EMERGENCY SITUATIONS.

WHEREAS, during the 2021 regular legislative session, the  
house of representatives passed House Memorial 13, which  
requested the secretary of public safety to convene a working  
group of representatives from the department of public safety,  
local community leaders, the business community, the homeland  
security and emergency management department, the New Mexico  
law enforcement academy, local, tribal and state law  
enforcement and first responder agencies and local higher  
education institutions to discuss the creation of a satellite  
law enforcement and first responder training center in northern

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1 New Mexico; and

2 WHEREAS, during the course of the year-long study, the  
3 working group known as the northern New Mexico law enforcement  
4 academy coalition discovered a gap in training needs regarding  
5 culturally relevant responses to emergency situations involving  
6 law enforcement officers and firefighters, the need for trauma-  
7 informed training related to sexual violence, domestic violence  
8 and stalking and the need for a better understanding of the  
9 needs of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer  
10 populations in our state; and

11 WHEREAS, the working group known as the northern New  
12 Mexico law enforcement academy coalition further discovered  
13 gaps in first response training concerning cultural and  
14 language needs, intellectual and developmental disabilities and  
15 mental and behavioral health needs; and

16 WHEREAS, gaps in training for law enforcement and first  
17 responders may exist outside of the working group, across the  
18 state of New Mexico; and

19 WHEREAS, New Mexico ranks seventh in the nation for rates  
20 of sexual assault; eighty-four percent of American Indian and  
21 Alaska Native women have experienced violence in their  
22 lifetimes and are nearly two times more likely to have  
23 experienced violence in the last year; and more than seventy-  
24 five thousand New Mexicans identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual,  
25 transgender or queer; and

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1           WHEREAS, New Mexico is rich in cultural wealth, and needs  
2 across the state are vast and differing, requiring cultural,  
3 spiritual and linguistic responses respective of our diverse  
4 communities; and

5           WHEREAS, during this legislative session, the statewide  
6 budget for law enforcement will see a significant increase in  
7 programs designed to recruit, train, certify and retain police  
8 officers; and

9           WHEREAS, training structure, content and financial and  
10 social resources should meet the needs of training and  
11 retraining officers that is tailored to the diversity of New  
12 Mexico's respective communities, indigenous and non-indigenous,  
13 in need of adequate first response; and

14           WHEREAS, the department of public safety has committed to  
15 determining the needs of the state and its respective  
16 communities for the training to be procured for its officers;

17           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
18 OF NEW MEXICO that a statewide study of needs be conducted by  
19 the department of public safety to assess gaps in service  
20 training for law enforcement and first responders regarding  
21 culturally and socially relevant responses to emergency  
22 situations, the need for trauma-informed training related to  
23 sexual violence, domestic violence and stalking and the unique  
24 needs of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer  
25 communities in emergency situations; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the needs assessment be  
2 developed in collaboration with local organizations with  
3 expertise in trauma-informed responses to sexual assault,  
4 domestic violence and stalking, organizations with expertise in  
5 culturally relevant responses to emergency situations and  
6 organizations with expertise on the unique needs of lesbian,  
7 gay, bisexual, transgender and queer communities in emergency  
8 situations; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the needs assessment determine  
10 the best geographic locations to meet the proposed needs; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department of public  
12 safety, the working group known as the northern New Mexico law  
13 enforcement academy coalition and the local collaborating  
14 organizations make a report of their findings and  
15 recommendations to the appropriate legislative interim  
16 committee that studies issues pertaining to courts, corrections  
17 and justice no later than July 1, 2023; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
19 transmitted to the department of public safety and the co-  
20 chairs of the appropriate legislative interim committee that  
21 studies issues pertaining to courts, corrections and justice.