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**HOUSE BILL 389**

**45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2002**

**INTRODUCED BY**

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**FOR THE CORRECTIONS OVERSIGHT AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

**AN ACT**

**RELATING TO CORRECTIONS; CREATING THE CORRECTIONS POLICY AND  
RESEARCH COUNCIL; PROVIDING DUTIES; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

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

**Section 1. CORRECTIONS POLICY AND RESEARCH COUNCIL--  
CREATION-- MEMBERSHIP-- DUTIES. --**

**A. The "corrections policy and research council"  
is created.**

**B. The corrections policy and research council  
shall be composed of eight members. Appointed members shall  
serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority. The  
council shall consist of the following individuals:**

**(1) one public member appointed by the  
governor;**

**(2) one public member appointed by the**

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1 speaker of the house of representatives;

2 (3) one public member appointed by the  
3 minority floor leader of the house of representatives;

4 (4) one public member appointed by the  
5 president pro tempore of the senate;

6 (5) one public member appointed by the  
7 minority floor leader of the senate;

8 (6) the attorney general or his designee;

9 (7) the secretary of corrections or his  
10 designee; and

11 (8) the secretary of general services or his  
12 designee.

13 C. A majority of the members of the corrections  
14 policy and research council constitutes a quorum for the  
15 transaction of council business.

16 D. To perform its duties, the corrections policy  
17 and research council shall:

18 (1) hold meetings at times and for periods as  
19 the council deems necessary;

20 (2) hire an executive director and staff as  
21 needed to assist the council in the performance of its duties;  
22 and

23 (3) prepare an annual budget.

24 E. The corrections policy and research council  
25 shall:

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1 (1) advise the executive and legislative  
2 branches of government on policy matters relating to  
3 correctional facilities and operations at those facilities;

4 (2) forecast projected growth in the male and  
5 female inmate populations;

6 (3) analyze the sufficiency of educational,  
7 vocational, spiritual and treatment programs for inmates  
8 incarcerated in correctional facilities;

9 (4) analyze the need to expand the  
10 availability of community corrections programs and other  
11 alternatives to incarceration;

12 (5) maintain a central database of  
13 information regarding correctional facilities, including an  
14 inventory of staffing levels at individual correctional  
15 facilities, architectural drawings of correctional facilities  
16 and specifications for correctional facilities;

17 (6) analyze short-term and long-term  
18 strategies for recruiting and retaining qualified correctional  
19 officers;

20 (7) analyze the need for future construction  
21 of additional correctional facilities;

22 (8) develop a master plan for the corrections  
23 department; and

24 (9) make recommendations to the executive and  
25 legislative branches regarding proposals to improve the

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1 corrections system.

2 F. The members of the corrections policy and  
3 research council shall be paid pursuant to the provisions of  
4 the Per Diem and Mileage Act and shall receive no other  
5 perquisite, compensation or allowance.

6 G. The corrections policy and research council is  
7 administratively attached to the corrections department.

8 Section 2. APPROPRIATION. -- Seven hundred thousand  
9 dollars (\$700,000) is appropriated from the general fund to  
10 the corrections policy and research council for expenditure in  
11 fiscal year 2003 for the purpose of hiring an executive  
12 director and staff, purchasing equipment and supplies and  
13 carrying out its duties. Any unexpended or unencumbered  
14 balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2003 shall revert  
15 to the general fund.