SENATE BILL 333

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2004

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FOR THE ECONOMIC AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; PROVIDING FOR MILITARY BASE RETENTION AND RELATED ECONOMIC ENHANCEMENT; PROVIDING A COMPENSATING TAX DEDUCTION FOR TEST ARTICLES USED IN RESEARCH OR TESTING; MAKING APPROPRIATIONS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Section 1. Section 9-15-48 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2003, Chapter 166, Section 1 and Laws 2003, Chapter 170, Section 1) is amended to read:

"9-15-48. OFFICE OF MILITARY BASE PLANNING AND SUPPORT CREATED--DUTIES.--

A. The "office of military base planning and support" is created, which is administratively attached to the economic development department. The department shall provide administrative services to the office.

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- В. The [secretary of economic development] governor's homeland security adviser shall appoint a director of the office of military base planning and support.
- The director of the office of military base planning and support shall:
- (1) employ, under the authorization of the [secretary of economic development] governor's homeland security adviser, the staff necessary to carry out the work of the office of military base planning and support and the military base planning commission;
 - (2) support the commission;
- inform the governor and the [secretary of (3) economic development] governor's homeland security adviser about issues impacting the military bases in the state, including infrastructure requirements, environmental needs, military force structure possibilities, tax implications, property considerations and issues requiring coordination and support from other state agencies;
- (4) serve as a liaison with the community organizations whose purpose is to support the long-term viability of the military bases;
- communicate with the staff of the state's (5) congressional delegation; and
- identify issues, prepare information and (6) provide for presentations necessary for the commission to carry .148857.4GR

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Section 2. Section 9-15-49 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2003, Chapter 166, Section 2 and Laws 2003, Chapter 170, Section 2) is amended to read:

"9-15-49. MILITARY BASE PLANNING COMMISSION CREATED --COMPOSITION. --

- The "military base planning commission" is created, which is administratively attached to the economic development department. The department shall provide administrative services to the commission.
- The [military base planning] commission consists of fifteen members, thirteen of which are appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. commission shall include the lieutenant governor, the [secretary of economic development] governor's homeland security adviser and appropriate representatives from the counties, or adjoining counties, in which military bases are located.
- The governor shall appoint a chair from among the members of the commission. The commission shall meet at the call of the chair and shall meet not less than quarterly. Members of the commission shall not be paid but shall receive per diem and mileage expenses as provided in the Per Diem and Mileage Act.
- D. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Open .148857.4GR

Meetings Act, meetings of the commission shall be closed to the public when proprietary alternative New Mexico military base realignment or closure strategies or any information regarding relocation of military units is discussed.

E. Information developed or obtained by the commission that pertains to proprietary commission strategies or related to the relocation of military units shall be confidential and not subject to inspection pursuant to the Inspection of Public Records Act."

Section 3. A new section of the Gross Receipts and Compensating Tax Act is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] DEDUCTION--COMPENSATING TAX--TEST
ARTICLES.--

- A. The value of test articles upon which research or testing is conducted in New Mexico pursuant to a contract with the United States department of defense may be deducted in computing the compensating tax due.
- B. As used in this section, "test article" means a material or device upon which research or testing is conducted to determine the properties and qualities of the material or the properties, qualities or functioning of the device or a technology used with the device.
- C. The deduction provided by this section does not apply to the value of property purchased by a prime contractor operating a facility designated as a national laboratory by an .148857.4GR

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Section 4. APPROPRIATION. -- Four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the economic development department for expenditure in fiscal year 2005 to study United States department of defense criteria for base realignment and closure and New Mexico's military installations and to develop recommendations for strengthening the state's ability to retain the military installations. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2005 shall revert to the general fund.

Section 5. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.

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