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AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH; ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO DESIGN CULTURAL COMPETENCE EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS IN CERTAIN HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMS.

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

Section 1. TEMPORARY PROVISION--HEALTH EDUCATION CULTURAL COMPETENCE TASK FORCE--HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT-- APPOINTMENT--DUTIES--REPORT.--

A. The secretary of higher education shall appoint a task force on cultural competence composed of health curricula specialists from two- and four-year public post-secondary educational institutions; health professionals; and representatives of the New Mexico health policy commission, the department of health, the Indian affairs department and the office on African American affairs. Members shall be appointed with due regard for geographic distribution and cultural and health-professional diversity.

B. The task force shall study and make recommendations on specific cultural competence curricula for each health-related education field offered in New Mexico's public post-secondary educational institutions. The curricula shall ensure that students are provided knowledge of cultural awareness and competence in their respective

1 health service field, including:

- 2 (1) cross-cultural communication;
- 3 (2) culturally and linguistically
4 appropriate health policy considerations;
- 5 (3) exploration of health beliefs and
6 explanatory models;
- 7 (4) culturally competent health care
8 delivery;
- 9 (5) health disparities, privilege and equity
10 factors in the health system; and
- 11 (6) culturally and linguistically competent
12 care supported by policy, administration and practice.

13 C. The curricula developed by the task force shall
14 be designed to be offered electronically and through various
15 distance-education models and media so as to minimize
16 duplication and expense for students and educational
17 institutions.

18 D. The task force shall review its findings and
19 recommendations with the legislative health and human services
20 committee by November 2007. The task force shall make its
21 final report to the governor, the legislature and the
22 presidents of the public post-secondary educational
23 institutions by December 15, 2007.