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AN ACT

RELATING TO STATE AGENCY REPORTS; REQUIRING STATE AGENCIES TO SUBMIT REPORTS ELECTRONICALLY TO LEGISLATORS UNLESS OTHERWISE REQUESTED.

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

Section 1. Section 2-3-14.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1985, Chapter 19, Section 1) is amended to read:

"2-3-14.1. STATE AGENCIES -- REPORTS . --

- No state agency shall submit or send to the members of the legislature any material, other than proposed legislation, in excess of five pages.
- Nothing in this section shall limit the response of any agency to a direct request of a legislator or group of legislators [nor] or the submission of the executive budget.
- C. All reports to the legislature by a state agency .179816.1

shall be [filed in duplicate with] submitted electronically to the legislative council service, and such reports shall not be subject to the page limitations of this section. The legislative council service shall compile a list of the reports submitted prior to each regular legislative session since the beginning of the previous regular session, listing the title and agency [and]. The legislative council service shall distribute the list [among the] to legislators during the first week of the session.

- D. Any legislator may request any report, including those listed pursuant to Subsection C of this section. Upon such a request, the state agency shall furnish the report to the legislator electronically, unless the legislator specifically requests otherwise.
- E. Compliance by a state agency with Subsection C of this section shall fulfill any requirement of a state agency to report to the legislature, unless the requirement is specifically exempted from the requirements of this section.
- F. No state agency shall submit material bound other than by staples unless the bulk or other qualities of the material require other bindings; provided that, in all cases, the most economical method of binding and packaging shall be used.
- G. For the purposes of this section, "state agency" means any agency, division or instrumentality of the state, but .179816.1

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does not include political subdivisions and educational institutions or any of the legislature's [divsions] divisions, instrumentalities or committees."

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