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SENATE BILL 210

**50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2012**

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AN ACT

RELATING TO THE LEGISLATURE; ENACTING A NEW SECTION OF CHAPTER  
2 NMSA 1978 TO CREATE A DISABILITIES CONCERNS COMMITTEE AS A  
PERMANENT JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATURE; REPEALING  
A SECTION OF CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 13 NMSA 1978 RELATING TO THE  
DISABILITIES CONCERNS SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH  
AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE.

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

SECTION 1. A new section of Chapter 2 NMSA 1978 is  
enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] DISABILITIES CONCERNS COMMITTEE CREATED--  
MEMBERSHIP--APPOINTMENT--DUTIES--REPORTING--STAFF--  
SUBCOMMITTEES.--

A. The "disabilities concerns committee" is created  
as a permanent joint interim committee of the legislature. The

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1 committee shall be composed of six voting members and two  
2 advisory members. The New Mexico legislative council shall  
3 appoint three voting members and one advisory member from the  
4 house of representatives. The legislative council shall  
5 appoint three voting members and one advisory member from the  
6 senate. At the time of making the appointments, the  
7 legislative council shall designate the chair and vice chair of  
8 the committee. Members shall be appointed so as to give the  
9 two major political parties in each house the same  
10 proportionate representation on the committee as prevails in  
11 each house; provided that in no event shall either of such  
12 parties have less than one member from each house on the  
13 committee.

14 B. At the request of the committee chair, members  
15 of the disabilities concerns committee may be removed from the  
16 committee by the legislative council for nonattendance  
17 according to legislative council policy. Vacancies on the  
18 committee, however caused, may be filled by the legislative  
19 council, or the legislative council may reduce the size of the  
20 committee by not making replacement appointments and, in such  
21 case, need not readjust party representation. No action shall  
22 be taken by the committee if a majority of the total membership  
23 from either house on the committee rejects the action.

24 C. The disabilities concerns committee shall  
25 conduct a continuing study of the programs, agencies, policies,

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1 issues and needs relating to individuals with disabilities,  
2 including review and study of the statutes, constitutional  
3 provisions, regulations and court decisions governing these  
4 programs, agencies, policies and issues. The committee shall  
5 also study the full continuum of programs and services  
6 available and needed for individuals with disabilities.

7 D. The disabilities concerns committee shall make a  
8 report of its findings and recommendations for the  
9 consideration of each session of the legislature. The report  
10 and recommendations shall be made available to the legislative  
11 council on or before December 15 of each year.

12 E. Staff for the disabilities concerns committee  
13 shall be provided by the legislative council service.

14 F. Subcommittees shall be created only by a  
15 majority vote of all members appointed to the disabilities  
16 concerns committee and with the prior approval of the  
17 legislative council. A subcommittee shall be composed of at  
18 least one member from the senate and one member from the house  
19 of representatives, and at least one member of the minority  
20 party. All meetings and expenditures of a subcommittee of the  
21 disabilities concerns committee shall be approved by the full  
22 committee in advance of the meeting or expenditure, and the  
23 approval shall be shown in the minutes of the committee."

24 SECTION 2. REPEAL.--Section 2-13-3.1 NMSA 1978 (being  
25 Laws 2010, Chapter 24, Section 1) is repealed.

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