

1 SENATE BILL 171

2 **51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO THE LEGISLATURE; ENACTING A NEW SECTION OF CHAPTER
12 2 NMSA 1978 TO CREATE A DISABILITIES CONCERNS COMMITTEE AS A
13 PERMANENT JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATURE; REPEALING
14 A SECTION OF CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 13 NMSA 1978 RELATING TO THE
15 DISABILITIES CONCERNS SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH
16 AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE.

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

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

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

24 A. The "disabilities concerns committee" is created
25 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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