

1 AN ACT

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

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

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

12 "DISABILITIES CONCERNS COMMITTEE CREATED--MEMBERSHIP--
13 APPOINTMENT--DUTIES--REPORTING--STAFF--SUBCOMMITTEES.--

14 A. The "disabilities concerns committee" is
15 created as a permanent joint interim committee of the
16 legislature. The committee shall be composed of six voting
17 members and two advisory members. The New Mexico legislative
18 council shall appoint three voting members and one advisory
19 member from the house of representatives. The legislative
20 council shall appoint three voting members and one advisory
21 member from the senate. At the time of making the
22 appointments, the legislative council shall designate the
23 chair and vice chair of the committee. Members shall be
24 appointed so as to give the two major political parties in
25 each house the same proportionate representation on the

1 committee as prevails in each house; provided that in no
2 event shall either of such parties have less than one member
3 from each house on the committee.

4 B. At the request of the committee chair, members
5 of the disabilities concerns committee may be removed from
6 the committee by the legislative council for nonattendance
7 according to legislative council policy. Vacancies on the
8 committee, however caused, may be filled by the legislative
9 council, or the legislative council may reduce the size of
10 the committee by not making replacement appointments and, in
11 such case, need not readjust party representation. No action
12 shall be taken by the committee if a majority of the total
13 membership from either house on the committee rejects the
14 action.

15 C. The disabilities concerns committee shall
16 conduct a continuing study of the programs, agencies,
17 policies, issues and needs relating to individuals with
18 disabilities, including review and study of the statutes,
19 constitutional provisions, regulations and court decisions
20 governing these programs, agencies, policies and issues. The
21 committee shall also study the full continuum of programs and
22 services available and needed for individuals with
23 disabilities.

24 D. The disabilities concerns committee shall make
25 a report of its findings and recommendations for the

1 consideration of each session of the legislature. The report
2 and recommendations shall be made available to the
3 legislative council on or before December 15 of each year.

4 E. Staff for the disabilities concerns committee
5 shall be provided by the legislative council service.

6 F. Subcommittees shall be created only by a
7 majority vote of all members appointed to the disabilities
8 concerns committee and with the prior approval of the
9 legislative council. A subcommittee shall be composed of at
10 least one member from the senate and one member from the
11 house of representatives, and at least one member of the
12 minority party. All meetings and expenditures of a
13 subcommittee of the disabilities concerns committee shall be
14 approved by the full committee in advance of the meeting or
15 expenditure, and the approval shall be shown in the minutes
16 of the committee."

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

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