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AN ACT
RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH; CREATING THE NATIVE AMERICAN
SUICIDE PREVENTION ADVISORY COUNCIL.

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

SECTION 1. NATIVE AMERICAN SUICIDE PREVENTION ADVISORY
COUNCIL--CREATED--TERMS--QUORUM--MEETINGS.--

A. There is created a "Native American suicide prevention advisory council". The council shall consist of eleven voting members and shall assist in developing policies, rules and priorities for the New Mexico clearinghouse for Native American suicide prevention.

B. The members of the Native American suicide prevention advisory council shall be appointed as follows:

(1) one member representing the eight northern Indian pueblos appointed by the chair of the eight northern Indian pueblos council, incorporated;

(2) one member representing both the Pueblo of Laguna and the Pueblo of Zuni appointed by the chair of the all Indian pueblo council;

(3) one member representing the all Indian pueblo council appointed by the chair of the all Indian pueblo council;

(4) one member representing the southern pueblos appointed by the chair of the ten southern Indian

1 pueblos council;

2 (5) one member representing the eastern
3 Navajo Nation appointed by the president of the Navajo
4 Nation;

5 (6) one member representing the western
6 Navajo Nation appointed by the president of the Navajo
7 Nation;

8 (7) one member representing the Mescalero
9 Apache Tribe appointed by the president of the Mescalero
10 Apache Tribe;

11 (8) one member representing the Jicarilla
12 Apache Nation appointed by the president of the Jicarilla
13 Apache Nation;

14 (9) one member representing the urban Native
15 American population appointed by the president of the
16 national Indian youth council, incorporated; and

17 (10) two members appointed by the chancellor
18 for health sciences of the university of New Mexico, one
19 member being a member of a federally recognized Indian
20 nation, tribe or pueblo.

21 C. The council shall elect from among its members
22 a chair, vice chair, secretary and treasurer.

23 D. The members of the Native American suicide
24 prevention advisory council shall be appointed for
25 overlapping terms of six years each. No more than six of the

1 members shall belong to the same political party. The
2 members first appointed to the council shall determine by lot
3 from among their group four members to serve two-year terms,
4 four members to serve four-year terms and three members to
5 serve six-year terms. If a position on the council becomes
6 vacant for any reason, the successor shall be selected by the
7 original appointing authority in the same manner as the
8 original appointment was made and shall serve for the
9 remainder of the term vacated.

10 E. A majority of council members shall constitute
11 a quorum to take action as the council. No act of the
12 council is valid unless concurred to by a majority of its
13 members present at a meeting at which a quorum exists.

14 F. The Native American suicide prevention advisory
15 council shall meet at the call of the chair or at a time
16 requested in a written request to the chair by four members,
17 but not less than twice each calendar year.

18 SECTION 2. Section 9-7-6.7 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2011,
19 Chapter 15, Section 1) is amended to read:

20 "9-7-6.7. CLEARINGHOUSE FOR NATIVE AMERICAN SUICIDE
21 PREVENTION--CULTURALLY BASED SUICIDE PREVENTION
22 INITIATIVES.--

23 A. In consultation with the Indian affairs
24 department, the interagency behavioral health purchasing
25 collaborative, subject to available funding, shall establish:

1 (1) a statewide clearinghouse and technical
2 assistance program called the "New Mexico clearinghouse for
3 Native American suicide prevention" to work with the Native
4 American suicide prevention advisory council to provide
5 culturally appropriate suicide prevention, intervention and
6 post-event assistance statewide to Native American
7 individuals, families and tribes, nations and pueblos living
8 with suicide, attempted suicide or the risk of suicide; and

9 (2) culturally based Native American youth
10 suicide prevention initiatives, each focused on the continuum
11 of prevention, intervention and post-event assistance to
12 Native American individuals, families and tribes, nations and
13 pueblos living with suicide, attempted suicide or the risk of
14 suicide in rural, frontier and urban communities.

15 B. As used in this section, "Native American"
16 means a member of a federally recognized Indian tribe, nation
17 or pueblo." _____