

SENATE RULES COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL 719

**52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2015**

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PUBLIC PEACE, HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE;  
MAKING HOSPITALS RECEIVING PUBLIC FUNDS SUBJECT TO THE OPEN  
MEETINGS ACT WHEN THEIR POLICYMAKING BODIES MEET TO FORMULATE  
PUBLIC POLICY.

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

SECTION 1. A new section of the Public Health Act is  
enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] HOSPITALS--PUBLIC POLICY--OPEN MEETINGS  
ACT.--

A. For the purposes of this section, "hospital"  
means a facility licensed by the department providing emergency  
or urgent care, inpatient medical care and nursing care for  
acute illness, injury, surgery or obstetrics and that receives  
or is supported by public funds. "Hospital" includes a

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1 facility that receives or is supported by public funds and that  
2 is licensed by the department as a critical access hospital,  
3 general hospital, long-term acute care hospital, psychiatric  
4 hospital, rehabilitation hospital, limited services hospital  
5 and special hospital.

6 B. All meetings of a quorum of members of a board,  
7 decision-making body or policymaking body of a hospital held  
8 for the purpose of formulating public policy or taking any  
9 action within the authority of that board or body shall be  
10 conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Open  
11 Meetings Act."