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HOUSE BILL

**55TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2022**

INTRODUCED BY

DISCUSSION DRAFT

FOR THE INVESTMENTS AND PENSIONS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO STATE INVESTMENTS; CREATING THE PUBLIC PENSION INVESTMENT TASK FORCE; REQUIRING THAT THE PUBLIC PENSION INVESTMENT TASK FORCE REVIEW, STUDY AND DEVELOP A REPORT RELATING TO THE CONSOLIDATION OF PENSION INVESTMENTS; PROVIDING DUTIES; REQUIRING A REPORT; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. [NEW MATERIAL] PUBLIC PENSION INVESTMENT TASK FORCE--CREATED--STAFF.--

A. The "public pension investment task force" is created and is administratively attached to the department of finance and administration. The task force shall function from the date of its appointment until December 31, 2023. The task force consists of thirteen voting members as follows:

- (1) the executive director of the educational

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1 retirement board or the executive director's designee;

2 (2) the executive director of the public  
3 employees retirement association or the executive director's  
4 designee;

5 (3) the state investment officer or the state  
6 investment officer's designee;

7 (4) the state treasurer or the state  
8 treasurer's designee;

9 (5) the secretary of finance and  
10 administration or the secretary's designee;

11 (6) two public members who have skill,  
12 knowledge and experience related to investing or pension  
13 administration to be appointed by the retirement board of the  
14 public employees retirement association from names nominated by  
15 the members of the retirement board of the public employees  
16 retirement association representing organizations of vested  
17 members;

18 (7) two public members who have skill,  
19 knowledge and experience related to investing or pension  
20 administration to be appointed by the educational retirement  
21 board from names nominated by the educational retirement board  
22 board members representing organizations of vested members;

23 (8) two members who have skill, knowledge and  
24 experience related to investing or pension administration to be  
25 appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate; and

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1                   (9) two members who have skill, knowledge and  
2 experience related to investing or pension administration to be  
3 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

4                   B. The task force shall elect from its membership a  
5 chair. The task force shall meet at the call of the chair. A  
6 majority of members shall constitute a quorum, and any  
7 recommendation or action of the task force shall require a vote  
8 by a majority of the members present.

9                   C. Members of the task force may receive per diem  
10 and mileage pursuant to the Per Diem and Mileage Act.

11                   D. The department of finance and administration  
12 shall provide the necessary staff and administrative support to  
13 the task force.

14                   E. The public pension investment task force shall:

15                   (1) review, study and develop a report on the  
16 separate pension investment functions of the educational  
17 retirement board and the public employees retirement  
18 association, including whether a consolidated investment  
19 strategy would benefit the trust funds of each retirement  
20 system;

21                   (2) obtain testimony from experts in the field  
22 of public pension and state investing policies to determine  
23 best practices for the investment of the trust funds of each  
24 retirement system; and

25                   (3) no later than October 1, 2023, report on

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1 the findings of the task force to the governor, the legislative  
2 finance committee and any other appropriate interim legislative  
3 committee.

4 F. The public pension investment task force may  
5 hire or contract with consultants or experts to provide the  
6 task force with information.

7 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.--One hundred thousand dollars  
8 (\$100,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the  
9 department of finance and administration for expenditure in  
10 fiscal years 2023 and 2024 to provide funding for the public  
11 pension investment task force to hire or contract with  
12 consultants or experts to provide the task force with  
13 information. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining  
14 at the end of fiscal year 2024 shall revert to the general  
15 fund.