

SENATE HEALTH AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR SENATE BILL 307

**56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2024**

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PUBLIC PEACE, HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE;  
CREATING THE SUBSTANCE AND ALCOHOL ABUSE TASK FORCE TO STUDY  
AND DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO ADDRESS SUBSTANCE AND  
ALCOHOL ABUSE.

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

SECTION 1. [NEW MATERIAL] SUBSTANCE AND ALCOHOL ABUSE  
TASK FORCE CREATED.--

A. The "substance and alcohol abuse task force" is  
created to study and develop a comprehensive approach to  
address substance and alcohol abuse.

B. The task force consists of nine members, with  
the chair appointed by the secretary of health and the other  
eight members appointed by the majority and minority floor  
leaders of the house of representatives and the senate. The

1 members of the task force shall:

2 (1) have at least one member of an Indian  
3 nation, tribe or pueblo located wholly or partially within New  
4 Mexico;

5 (2) have substantial expertise in medical and  
6 behavioral sciences;

7 (3) live and work in various parts of the  
8 state so as to provide broad geographical representation; and

9 (4) not consist of more than four members of  
10 the same political party.

11 C. The task force shall be appointed by July 1,  
12 2024. Staff for the task force shall be provided by the  
13 department of health.

14 D. Public members of the task force shall receive  
15 per diem and mileage as provided in the Per Diem and Mileage  
16 Act and shall receive no other compensation, perquisite or  
17 allowance.

18 E. The task force shall:

19 (1) make recommendations to create innovative  
20 policies of prevention and care to improve the health and well-  
21 being of New Mexico residents suffering from substance and  
22 alcohol addiction;

23 (2) study the health disparities and treatment  
24 disparities of persons addicted to alcohol and other substances  
25 in diverse communities;

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1 (3) study the health effects of the  
2 legalization of recreational cannabis and whether legalization  
3 has led to increased cannabis addiction or increased addiction  
4 to other substances; and

5 (4) collect and analyze data and make  
6 recommendations to the legislature regarding incentives to  
7 decrease alcohol and substance abuse in the state.

8 F. Annually, no later than November 1, the task  
9 force shall report its findings and recommendations to the  
10 legislative health and human services committee.

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