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HOUSE BILL  
  
58TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION,  
2027

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AN ACT

RELATING TO THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH; CREATING THE NEW MEXICO  
BOYS AND MEN ADVISORY COMMISSION; PROVIDING FOR MEMBERSHIP,  
TERMS, POWERS AND DUTIES; REQUIRING REPORTS; PROVIDING FOR  
PER DIEM AND MILEAGE; PROVIDING FOR STAFFING; PROVIDING FOR  
A DELAYED REPEAL; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

**SECTION 1.** [NEW MATERIAL] SHORT TITLE.--This act may be cited  
as the "New Mexico Boys and Men Advisory Commission Act".

**SECTION 2.** [NEW MATERIAL] COMMISSION CREATED; MEMBERSHIP;  
TERMS; QUORUM; MEETINGS.--

A. The "New Mexico boys and men advisory commission" is  
created as an advisory commission in the legislative branch  
of state government.

B. The commission shall consist of ten members, of whom ten  
shall be legislative members and eight shall be public  
members, appointed as follows:

(1) four members of the house of representatives, appointed  
by the speaker of the house of representatives, with the  
recommendations of the minority floor leader considered so  
that the appointments reflect, as nearly as practicable, the

1 proportional party representation of the house of  
2 representatives;

3 (2) two members of the senate, appointed by the committees'  
4 committee of the senate or, if the senate is not in session,  
5 by the president pro tempore of the senate, with the  
6 recommendations of the minority floor leader considered so  
7 that the appointments reflect, as nearly as practicable, the  
8 proportional party representation of the senate; and

9 (3) four public members appointed by the governor, of whom at  
10 least: one shall be a representative of the state Native  
11 American community; one shall have professional experience  
12 within a New Mexico community college or in the trades; one  
13 shall be a licensed behavioral health professional with  
14 expertise in mental health; and one shall be a representative  
15 of or a fatherhood group. Each public member shall be a  
16 resident of New Mexico.

17 C. Legislative members shall serve terms coincident with  
18 their terms of office. Following the initial staggering of  
19 terms provided in Section 6 of this act, each public member  
20 shall serve for a term of four years. No public member shall  
21 serve more than two consecutive four-year terms. An  
22 appointment to fill a vacancy other than by expiration of a  
23 term shall be for the unexpired term and shall be made in the  
24 same manner as the original appointment. The remainder of a  
25 term to which a member is appointed to fill a vacancy shall  
26 not constitute a term in determining the member's eligibility  
27 for reappointment. A member may be reappointed.

28 D. The commission shall elect a chair and a vice chair from  
29 among its legislative members. A majority of the legislative  
30 members of the commission constitutes a quorum for the  
31 transaction of business. The commission shall meet at the

1 call of the chair or upon the request of a majority of its  
2 members.

3 **SECTION 3.** [NEW MATERIAL] PER DIEM AND MILEAGE.--Legislative  
4 members of the commission shall receive per diem and mileage  
5 as provided in Section 2-1-8 NMSA 1978. Public members of the  
6 commission shall receive per diem and mileage as provided in  
7 the Per Diem and Mileage Act and shall receive no other  
8 compensation, perquisite or allowance for service on the  
9 commission.

10 **SECTION 4.** [NEW MATERIAL] POWERS AND DUTIES; REPORT.--The  
11 commission shall:

12 A. advise the legislature regarding the following issues as  
13 they relate to boys and men in New Mexico: education inequity,  
14 economic opportunity, disparities in health outcomes, family  
15 life and the impact of social media use;

16 B. undertake studies, sponsor events, conduct research, set  
17 goals, monitor outcomes, inventory programs, and prepare  
18 factual reports in order to gather information and to  
19 formulate and present to the legislature recommendations  
20 relating to issues of concern and importance to boys and men  
21 in New Mexico, with particular focus on the issues set forth  
22 in Subsection A of this section;

23 C. advise the legislature as needed regarding any statutory,  
24 regulatory or other issues of importance to boys and men in  
25 New Mexico, with particular focus on the issues set forth in  
26 Subsection A of this section; and

27 D. submit an annual report of its findings and recommendations  
28 to the legislature and the governor. No later than the first  
29 day of each regular session of the legislature, the chair  
30 shall submit to the governor and the legislature an executive  
31 summary of the interim work and activity of the commission.

1 The annual report and the executive summary shall be made  
2 available to the public on the legislature's website.

3 **SECTION 5.** [NEW MATERIAL] STAFF.--The legislative council  
4 service shall provide administrative staff support to the  
5 commission and shall provide legal, research and analytical  
6 services as requested by the commission.

7 **SECTION 6.** [NEW MATERIAL] INITIAL APPOINTMENTS; STAGGERED  
8 TERMS.--Notwithstanding Subsection C of Section 2 of this  
9 act, the governor's initial appointments of public members  
10 shall be staggered as follows: three members appointed for  
11 terms of two years; three members appointed for terms of three  
12 years; and two members appointed for terms of four years.

13 **SECTION 7.** [NEW MATERIAL] SPECIAL REPORT.--In addition to the  
14 report required by Section 4 of this act, the commission shall  
15 submit a special, one-time report to the legislature and the  
16 governor no later than April 1, 2027, consisting of no more  
17 than five recommendations. The special report shall be made  
18 available to the public on the legislature's website.

19 **SECTION 8.** EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public peace,  
20 health and safety that this act take effect immediately.