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2027 State Legislative Priorities

New Mexico Military Base Planning Commission

Summary

1. \$12 million Appropriation for Military Base Impact Fund, non-reverting.
2. Concurrent Juvenile Jurisdiction
3. State Response to Military Interpersonal Violence
4. Child Abuse Identification and Reporting
5. Improving Healthcare for Defense Communities and Military Families
 - Occupational Licensure Interstate Compacts

Details

1. \$12 million Appropriation for Military Base Impact Fund, non-reverting.

2. Concurrent Juvenile Jurisdiction

On military installations subject to exclusive federal jurisdiction often handle juvenile offenses through the federal system, which does not have an established juvenile justice system. New Mexico can adopt policies that facilitate concurrent jurisdiction between state and military installations to ensure access to the state's juvenile justice system and resources. This access offers military families improved opportunities for rehabilitation tailored to address juveniles. Enacting this legislation is not expected to add many cases to state/local agencies.

3. State Response to Military Interpersonal Violence

While the Department of Defense has led the implementation of enterprise-wide guidance on prevention, states can address harmful behaviors, such as sexual assault and domestic violence, by expanding protections for victims and enacting state policy best practices can supplement federal program efforts and changes. Enacting this legislation codifies in state statute locally agreed upon procedures largely in effect in defense communities but might not be standardized.

4. Child Abuse Identification and Reporting

Federal law requires the Department of Defense to request state reports regarding instances of child abuse and neglect involving military family members. States can assist military Family Advocacy Programs in providing needed support by requiring child protective services to report cases to the military at the onset of their investigations. Enacting this legislation codifies in state statute locally agreed upon procedures largely in effect in defense communities but might not be standardized.

5. Improving Healthcare Access for Defense Communities and Military Families

a. Occupational Licensure Interstate Compacts

Continue support to the remaining licensure compacts that support military spouse employment and access to healthcare.

- Audiology/Speech Language Pathology
- Dental and Dental Hygienist
- Emergency Medical Services Personnel
- Licensed Professional Counseling
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Physician Assistant
- Psychology
- School Psychologists
- Dietician

b. Support the variety of legislative and state agency efforts to improve access to healthcare.