

1 AN ACT
2 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION; AUTHORIZING A NEW MEXICO RAIL
3 PASSENGER STUDY.
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5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

6 Section 1. RAIL PASSENGER STUDY. --

7 A. The alliance for transportation research
8 institute at the university of New Mexico shall conduct a
9 feasibility study regarding the potential for passenger rail
10 service linking the El Paso-Juarez metropolitan area with
11 New Mexico towns and cities along the Rio Grande corridor
12 and continuing on to Denver, Colorado. The study shall:

13 (1) identify the alignment, condition and
14 ownership of tracks;

15 (2) define an integrated network for
16 intercity rail travel; and

17 (3) provide alternatives for intermodal
18 connections between the affected airports and passenger rail
19 services.

20 B. The study shall investigate the potential for
21 New Mexico passenger rail service links to the national
22 intermodal transportation initiative, "Reconnecting
23 America".

24 C. The study shall be conducted in collaboration
25 with the state highway and transportation department.

1 D. The alliance for transportation research
2 institute shall report to the governor and the legislature
3 on study recommendations for potential intermodal links to
4 regional and national transportation strategies and
5 interstate rail travel. _____

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