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HOUSE BILL 323

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

**RELATING TO FEDERAL MILITARY BASES; ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF
MILITARY BASE PLANNING AND SUPPORT; ESTABLISHING THE MILITARY
BASE PLANNING COMMISSION; PROVIDING FOR EFFORTS TO ENSURE THE
LONG-TERM VIABILITY OF THE STATE'S MILITARY BASES; MAKING AN
APPROPRIATION; ENACTING SECTIONS OF THE NMSA 1978.**

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

**Section 1. OFFICE OF MILITARY BASE PLANNING AND SUPPORT
CREATED- - DUTIES. - -**

**A. The "office of military base planning and
support" is created, which is administratively attached to the
economic development department. The department shall provide
administrative services to the office.**

**B. The secretary of economic development shall
appoint a director of the office of military base planning and**

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1 support.

2 C. The director of the office of military base
3 planning and support shall:

4 (1) employ, under the authorization of the
5 secretary of economic development, the staff necessary to carry
6 out the work of the office of military base planning and
7 support and the military base planning commission;

8 (2) support the commission;

9 (3) inform the governor and the secretary of
10 economic development about issues impacting the military bases
11 in the state, including infrastructure requirements,
12 environmental needs, military force structure possibilities,
13 tax implications, property considerations and issues requiring
14 coordination and support from other state agencies;

15 (4) serve as a liaison with the community
16 organizations whose purpose is to support the long-term
17 viability of the military bases;

18 (5) communicate with the staff of the state's
19 congressional delegation; and

20 (6) identify issues, prepare information and
21 provide for presentations necessary for the commission to carry
22 out its duties.

23 Section 2. MILITARY BASE PLANNING COMMISSION CREATED--
24 COMPOSITION.--

25 A. The "military base planning commission" is

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1 created, which is administratively attached to the economic
2 development department. The department shall provide
3 administrative services to the commission.

4 B. The military base planning commission consists
5 of fifteen members, thirteen of which are appointed by the
6 governor with the advice and consent of the senate. The
7 commission shall include the lieutenant governor, the secretary
8 of economic development and appropriate representatives from
9 the counties, or adjoining counties, in which military bases
10 are located.

11 C. The governor shall appoint a chair from among
12 the members of the commission. The commission shall meet at
13 the call of the chair and shall meet not less than quarterly.
14 Members of the commission shall not be paid but shall receive
15 per diem and mileage expenses as provided in the Per Diem and
16 Mileage Act.

17 Section 3. DUTIES.--The military base planning commission
18 shall:

19 A. obtain and evaluate information about the
20 federal government's considerations, plans, policies and
21 initiatives relating to military base realignment and closure;

22 B. obtain and evaluate information relating to the
23 impact of federal military base realignment and closure plans
24 on the state's economy and the military base area's local
25 economy;

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1 C. work with and provide assistance to established
2 community organizations that have as their purpose the support
3 of the long-term viability of the military bases in their local
4 area;

5 D. ensure collaboration among the community
6 organizations described in Subsection C of this section and an
7 understanding of the joint efforts between the military bases
8 in the state;

9 E. work with and provide assistance to the state's
10 congressional delegation on matters relating to federal base
11 realignment and closure plans; and

12 F. advise the governor on measures necessary to
13 ensure the continued presence of military bases in the state.

14 Section 4. APPROPRIATION.--Seven hundred fifty thousand
15 dollars (\$750,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
16 economic development department for expenditure in fiscal years
17 2004 through 2006 to carry out the provisions of this act. Any
18 unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of
19 fiscal year 2006 shall revert to the general fund.

20 Section 5. TERMINATION OF AGENCY LIFE--DELAYED REPEAL.--
21 The office of military base planning and support and the
22 military base planning commission are terminated on July 1,
23 2005 pursuant to the provisions of the Sunset Act. The office
24 and the commission shall continue to operate according to the
25 provisions of this act until July 1, 2006. Effective July 1,

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1 **2006, this act is repealed.**

2 **Section 6. The effective date of the provisions of this**
3 **act is July 1, 2003.**

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