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HOUSE BILL 824

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

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AN ACT

RELATING TO CULTURAL AFFAIRS; CREATING THE PALESTINIAN-ISRAELI -  
NEW MEXICAN PEACE COUNCIL; CREATING THE PALESTINIAN-ISRAELI-NEW  
MEXICAN YOUTH PEACE TOUR; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

Section 1. PALESTINIAN-ISRAELI-NEW MEXICAN PEACE

COUNCIL. -- There is created an "Palestinian-Israeli-New Mexican  
peace council" in the office of cultural affairs. The council  
shall consist of seven members appointed by the governor.

Council members shall reflect the diverse perspectives and  
ethnic groups involved in Palestinian, Israeli and New Mexican  
cultures. The council shall maintain a nonsectarian policy.

The council shall consult with the members of the Palestinian-  
Israeli-New Mexican youth peace tour of New Mexico when  
developing the agenda of the peace tour. Members of the

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1 council shall be compensated as provided in the Per Diem and  
2 Mileage Act and shall receive no other compensation, perquisite  
3 or allowance.

4 Section 2. PALESTINIAN-ISRAELI-NEW MEXICAN YOUTH PEACE  
5 TOUR. --The council shall create and organize an "Palestinian-  
6 Israeli-New Mexican youth peace tour" of New Mexico. The peace  
7 tour shall:

8 A. consist of an equal number of Palestinian,  
9 Israeli and New Mexican youth under the age of nineteen;

10 B. provide for translation services in the Arabic,  
11 Hebrew, Spanish and English languages, if needed;

12 C. provide for cultural exchange and dialogue among  
13 the youth of the peace tour;

14 D. convene public meetings in which the members of  
15 the peace tour share with the public their perspectives on  
16 Palestinian and Israeli history and cultural issues; and

17 E. travel throughout New Mexico and expose the  
18 Palestinian and Israeli youth to the state's many cultures.

19 Section 3. APPROPRIATION. --Five hundred thousand dollars  
20 (\$500,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the office  
21 of cultural affairs for expenditure in fiscal year 2004 to fund  
22 the Palestinian-Israeli-New Mexican peace council and the  
23 Palestinian-Israeli-New Mexican youth peace tour. Any  
24 unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of  
25 fiscal year 2004 shall revert to the general fund.

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