RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION; ESTABLISHING THE DIVISIONS OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

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

Section 1. Section 9-25-4 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2005,

Chapter 289, Section 4) is amended to read:

"9-25-4. DEPARTMENT CREATED.--

A. The "higher education department" is created in the executive branch. The department is a cabinet department and includes the following divisions:

(1) the administrative services division;

(2) the planning and research division;

(3) the financial aid division;

(4) the public information and

communications division;

(5) the adult basic education division;

(6) the information technology division;

(7) the private and proprietary schools

division; and

(8) the public schools liaison division.

B. The secretary may organize the department and divisions of the department and may transfer or merge functions between divisions and bureaus in the interest of efficiency and economy."\_\_\_\_\_