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HOUSE BILL 472

50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2011

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO EXECUTIVE REORGANIZATION; TRANSFERRING THE STATE
APPROVING DIVISION OF THE VETERANS' SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO THE
HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

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

SECTION 1. Section 9-22-4 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2004,
Chapter 19, Section 4) is amended to read:

"9-22-4. DEPARTMENT ESTABLISHED.--The "veterans' services
department" is created in the executive branch. The department
is a cabinet department and includes the following divisions:

- A. the administrative services division;
- B. the field services division; and
- ~~[G. the state approving division~~
- ~~D.]~~ C. the state benefits division."

SECTION 2. Section 9-25-1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2005,

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1 Chapter 289, Section 1) is amended to read:

2 "9-25-1. SHORT TITLE.--~~[Sections 1 through 13 of this~~
3 ~~act]~~ Chapter 9, Article 25 NMSA 1978 may be cited as the
4 "Higher Education Department Act"."

5 SECTION 3. Section 9-25-4 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2005,
6 Chapter 289, Section 4, as amended) is amended to read:

7 "9-25-4. DEPARTMENT CREATED.--

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

11 (1) the administrative services division;
12 (2) the planning and research division;
13 (3) the financial aid division;
14 (4) the public information and communications
15 division;

16 (5) the adult basic education division;
17 (6) the information technology division;
18 (7) the private and proprietary schools
19 division;
20 (8) the public schools liaison division; ~~and~~
21 (9) the American Indian post-secondary
22 education division; and

23 (10) the state approving division, for the
24 purposes of 38 USCA Section 3671.

25 B. The secretary may organize the department and

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1 divisions of the department and may transfer or merge functions
2 between divisions and bureaus in the interest of efficiency and
3 economy."

4 SECTION 4. TEMPORARY PROVISION--RECOMPILATION
5 INSTRUCTIONS.--The compiler shall recompile Section 9-22-13
6 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2004, Chapter 19, Section 13) as part of
7 the Higher Education Department Act.

8 SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
9 provisions of this act is July 1, 2011.