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SENATE BILL 53

**50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2012**

INTRODUCED BY

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FOR THE INVESTMENTS AND PENSIONS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCES; CHANGING THE MEMBERSHIP, POWERS  
AND DUTIES OF THE STATE INVESTMENT COUNCIL; PROVIDING FOR THE  
ELECTION OF THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL; EXTENDING  
REPORTING DEADLINES.

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

**SECTION 1.** Section 6-8-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1957,  
Chapter 179, Section 2, as amended) is amended to read:

"6-8-2. STATE INVESTMENT COUNCIL.--

A. There is created a "state investment council".

The council shall be composed of:

- (1) the ~~governor~~ secretary;
- (2) a member appointed by the state treasurer;
- (3) a member appointed by the commissioner of

public lands;

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1                    [~~(4)~~ the secretary;

2                    ~~(5) the chief financial officer of a state~~  
3 ~~institution of higher education appointed by the governor with~~  
4 ~~the advice and consent of the senate;~~

5                    ~~(6) four members appointed by the New Mexico~~  
6 ~~legislative council with the advice and consent of the senate;~~  
7 ~~provided that no more than two members shall be members of the~~  
8 ~~same political party;]~~

9                    (4) one public member appointed by the  
10 president pro tempore of the senate with the advice and consent  
11 of the senate;

12                    (5) one public member appointed by the  
13 minority floor leader of the senate with the advice and consent  
14 of the senate;

15                    (6) one public member appointed by the speaker  
16 of the house of representatives with the advice and consent of  
17 the senate;

18                    (7) one public member appointed by the  
19 minority floor leader of the house of representatives with the  
20 advice and consent of the senate; and

21                    [~~(7) two~~] (8) four members appointed by the  
22 governor with the advice and consent of the senate.

23                    B. No more than two members of the council  
24 appointed pursuant to Paragraph (8) of Subsection A of this  
25 section shall be members of the same political party.

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1           ~~[B.]~~ C. The chair ~~[of the council shall be the~~  
2 ~~governor]~~ and the vice chair of the council shall be selected  
3 by the council from among the members appointed pursuant to  
4 Paragraphs (2) through (8) of Subsection A of this section for  
5 terms of two years, provided that the chair and the vice chair  
6 shall serve staggered terms and shall serve no more than two  
7 consecutive terms and the vice chair elected in 2012 shall  
8 serve a one-year term to allow for staggered terms.

9           D. All actions of the council shall be by majority  
10 vote, and a majority of the members shall constitute a quorum.

11           ~~[G.]~~ E. Members of the council appointed pursuant  
12 to Paragraphs ~~[(6) and (7)]~~ (2) through (8) of Subsection A of  
13 this section shall be reimbursed per diem and mileage pursuant  
14 to the provisions of the Per Diem and Mileage Act."

15           **SECTION 2.** Section 6-8-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1957,  
16 Chapter 179, Section 3, as amended) is amended to read:

17           "6-8-3. COUNCIL TERMS AND QUALIFICATIONS.--

18           A. Members of the council appointed pursuant to  
19 Paragraphs ~~[(6) and (7)]~~ (2) through (8) of Subsection A of  
20 Section 6-8-2 NMSA 1978, with the advice and consent of the  
21 senate, shall serve for staggered terms of five years. Members  
22 of the council shall serve until their successors are appointed  
23 and have qualified.

24           B. The members of the council appointed pursuant to  
25 Paragraphs ~~[(6) and (7)]~~ (2) through (8) of Subsection A of

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1 Section 6-8-2 NMSA 1978 shall be qualified by competence and no  
2 less than ten years experience in the field of investment or  
3 finance. A member of the council shall not have had any  
4 contracts to do business with the state investment council, the  
5 investment office, the office of the state treasurer, the  
6 educational retirement board, the public employees retirement  
7 association, the New Mexico finance authority or the state  
8 board of finance for a period of two calendar years prior to  
9 the person's appointment to the council and shall not enter  
10 into any contracts to do business with any of the named state  
11 agencies or instrumentalities for a period of two calendar  
12 years after the end of the term for which the member was  
13 appointed. Members of the council and officers and employees  
14 of the council shall be governed by the provisions of the  
15 Governmental Conduct Act. Nothing in this section or in the  
16 Governmental Conduct Act shall be construed as prohibiting an  
17 officer of a financial institution from participating as a  
18 member of the council in setting general policies of the  
19 council, nor shall any provision of the Governmental Conduct  
20 Act prohibit the council or the state treasurer from depositing  
21 funds under the jurisdiction of the council in any financial  
22 institution. A council member shall not hold an office or  
23 employment in a political party.

24 C. ~~[The member appointed pursuant to Paragraph (5)~~  
25 ~~of Subsection A of Section 6-8-2 NMSA 1978 shall serve at the~~

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1 ~~pleasure of the governor.]~~ A member of the council appointed  
2 pursuant to Paragraphs [~~(6) and (7)~~] (2) through (8) of  
3 Subsection A of Section 6-8-2 NMSA 1978 may be removed from the  
4 council by the appointing person or entity, for failure to  
5 attend three consecutive meetings or other cause, in the manner  
6 provided for removal of members of boards of regents under  
7 Article 12, Section 13 of the constitution of New Mexico. A  
8 vacancy in the membership of the council occurring other than  
9 by expiration of term shall be filled in the same manner as the  
10 original appointment but for the unexpired term only."

11 SECTION 3. Section 6-8-4 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1957,  
12 Chapter 179, Section 4, as amended) is amended to read:

13 "6-8-4. INVESTMENT OFFICE--STATE INVESTMENT OFFICER--  
14 TERMS.--

15 A. There is established an "investment office".  
16 The chief administrative officer of the office shall be known  
17 as the "state investment officer".

18 B. The state investment officer shall be appointed  
19 by the council with the advice and consent of the senate. The  
20 state investment officer shall devote the officer's entire time  
21 and attention to the duties of that office and shall not engage  
22 in any other occupation or profession or hold any other public  
23 office, appointive or elective. The state investment officer  
24 shall be a person qualified, by training and investment  
25 experience, to direct the work of the investment office and

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1 shall have had at least five years' professional experience as  
2 an investment officer. The state investment officer shall  
3 receive a salary to be determined by the [~~state investment~~]  
4 council [~~but in no case less than fifty thousand dollars~~  
5 (~~\$50,000~~) ~~annually~~].

6 C. The state investment officer shall serve for an  
7 initial term of two years beginning July 1, 1981 and thereafter  
8 for terms of four years. The state investment officer may be  
9 removed from office by the council for cause."

10 SECTION 4. Section 6-8-7 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1957,  
11 Chapter 179, Section 7, as amended) is amended to read:

12 "6-8-7. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE STATE INVESTMENT COUNCIL  
13 AND STATE INVESTMENT OFFICER--INVESTMENT POLICY--INVESTMENT  
14 MANAGERS.--

15 A. Subject to the limitations, conditions and  
16 restrictions contained in policymaking regulations or  
17 resolutions adopted by the council, the council may make  
18 purchases, sales, exchanges, investments and reinvestments of  
19 the assets of all funds in accordance with the Uniform Prudent  
20 Investor Act. The state investment officer and the council are  
21 trustees of all funds under their control and shall see that  
22 money invested is at all times handled in the best interests of  
23 the state. The council may delegate administrative and  
24 investment-related functions to the state investment officer.

25 B. The state investment officer shall formulate and

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1 recommend to the council for approval investment [~~regulations~~  
2 ~~or resolutions~~] policies pertaining to the kind or nature of  
3 investments and limitations, conditions and restrictions upon  
4 the methods, practices or procedures for investment,  
5 reinvestment, purchase, sale or exchange transactions that  
6 should govern the activities of the investment office.

7 C. The council shall meet at least once each month,  
8 and as often as exigencies may demand, to consult with the  
9 state investment officer concerning the work of the investment  
10 office. The council shall have access to all files and records  
11 of the investment office and shall require the state investment  
12 officer to report on and provide information necessary to the  
13 performance of council functions. The council may hire one or  
14 more investment management or consulting firms to advise the  
15 council with respect to the council's [~~overall investment plan~~  
16 ~~for the investment of all funds managed by the investment~~  
17 ~~office~~] investments and pay reasonable compensation for such  
18 advisory services from the assets of the applicable funds,  
19 subject to budgeting and appropriation by the legislature. The  
20 terms of any such investment management services contract shall  
21 incorporate the statutory requirements for investment of funds  
22 under the council's jurisdiction.

23 D. The council shall provide an opportunity for  
24 public comment at meetings of the council. Advance notice of  
25 meetings shall be published on the council's web site and in a

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1 newspaper of general circulation at least ten days in advance  
2 of the meeting.

3 E. All funds managed by the [~~state investment~~  
4 ~~officer~~] council shall be managed in accordance with the  
5 Uniform Prudent Investor Act. [~~The council may employ~~  
6 ~~investment management services to invest the funds and may pay~~  
7 ~~reasonable compensation for investment management services from~~  
8 ~~the assets of the applicable funds, subject to budgeting and~~  
9 ~~appropriation by the legislature.~~]

10 F. The council, the state investment officer, any  
11 person providing investment advice to the council [~~or~~], state  
12 investment officer or investment office staff for a fee or  
13 other compensation and all persons exercising discretionary  
14 authority or control of funds under the management of the  
15 council are fiduciaries.

16 G. The council may contract for legal services for  
17 litigation on a contingent or partly contingent fee basis,  
18 subject to an expedited solicitation process devised and  
19 approved by the council; provided that:

20 (1) amounts recovered by the legal services  
21 contractor shall be deposited in the state investment council  
22 suspense fund;

23 (2) the council shall submit each proposed  
24 contract to the attorney general and the department for review  
25 of the contingency fee. The attorney general's and the

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1 department's review shall take into account the complexity of  
2 the factual and legal issues presented by the claims to be  
3 pursued under the contract. If the attorney general or the  
4 department advises the council that the proposed contingency  
5 fee is not reasonable, the council may nevertheless approve the  
6 contract and the contingency fee by a majority vote of its  
7 members; and

8 (3) each prospective legal services contractor  
9 seeking to represent the council on a contingent or partly  
10 contingent fee basis shall file with the council the disclosure  
11 required by Section 13-1-191.1 NMSA 1978 disclosing all  
12 campaign contributions made to the governor, attorney general,  
13 state treasurer or any member of the council, or to a political  
14 committee that is intended to aid or promote the nomination or  
15 election of any candidate to a state office if the committee  
16 is:

17 (a) established by any of the foregoing  
18 persons or their agents;

19 (b) established in consultation with or  
20 at the request of any of the foregoing persons or their agents;  
21 or

22 (c) controlled by one of the foregoing  
23 persons or their agents.

24 H. The council may select and contract for the  
25 services of one or more custodian banks for all funds under the

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1 council's management. For the purpose of this subsection,  
2 "custodian bank" means a financial institution with the general  
3 fiduciary duties to manage, control and collect the assets of  
4 an investment fund, including receiving all deposits and paying  
5 all disbursements as directed by staff, safekeeping of assets,  
6 coordination of asset transfers, timely settlement of  
7 securities transactions and accurate and timely reporting of  
8 the assets by individual account and in total.

9 I. For funds available for investment for more than  
10 one year, the council may contract with any state agency to  
11 provide investment advisory or investment management services,  
12 separately or through a pooled investment fund, provided the  
13 state agency enters into a joint powers agreement with the  
14 council and that state agency pays at least the direct cost of  
15 such services. Notwithstanding any statutory provision  
16 governing state agency investments, the council may invest  
17 funds available from a state agency pursuant to a joint powers  
18 agreement in any type of investment permitted for the land  
19 grant permanent funds under the prudent investor rule. In  
20 performing investment services for a state agency, the council  
21 [~~and~~], the state investment officer and investment office staff  
22 are exempt from the New Mexico Uniform Securities Act. As used  
23 in this subsection, "state agency" means any branch, agency,  
24 department, board, instrumentality, institution or political  
25 subdivision of the state, the New Mexico finance authority, the

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1 New Mexico mortgage finance authority and any tax-exempt  
2 private endowment entity whose sole beneficiary is a state  
3 agency.

4 J. The state investment officer shall provide  
5 quarterly performance reports to the legislative finance  
6 committee. Annually, the [~~state investment officer~~] council  
7 shall [~~ratify and~~] provide written investment policies  
8 [~~including any amendments~~] to the legislative finance  
9 committee."

10 SECTION 5. Section 6-8-14 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1957,  
11 Chapter 179, Section 14, as amended) is amended to read:

12 "6-8-14. MONTHLY REPORTS.--No later than [~~ten~~] thirty  
13 days after the close of each month, the state investment  
14 officer shall submit to the secretary and the [~~state~~  
15 ~~investment~~] council a report of the operations of the office  
16 during the past month. Each report shall give a complete  
17 statement of the state investment portfolio as of the time of  
18 the report and, in addition, shall include a detailed summary  
19 of the month's investment, reinvestment, purchase, sale and  
20 exchange transactions, setting forth the investments bought,  
21 sold or exchanged, the dates thereof, the prices paid or  
22 obtained, the names of the dealers involved, fees paid for each  
23 transaction, disclosure of contractor arrangements and a  
24 statement of the funds or accounts referred to herein. [~~The~~  
25 ~~reports shall also be circulated to a mailing list of~~

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1 ~~investment bankers and brokers recommended by the council.]~~

2 The reports shall be published on the web [~~sites~~] site of the  
3 council [~~the legislature and the department of finance and~~  
4 ~~administration~~] and shall be open for inspection to the public  
5 and the press in the office of the state investment officer."

6 SECTION 6. Section 6-8-20 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1987,  
7 Chapter 219, Section 3, as amended) is amended to read:

8 "6-8-20. PRIVATE EQUITY INVESTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
9 CREATED--MEMBERSHIP--DUTIES--TERMS--LIABILITIES--CONFLICT OF  
10 INTEREST.--

11 A. There is created the "private equity investment  
12 advisory committee" to the council. The committee consists of  
13 the state investment officer, a member of the council appointed  
14 by the council and three members who are qualified by  
15 competence and experience in finance and investment and  
16 knowledgeable about the private equity investment process and  
17 who are appointed by the council.

18 B. Members appointed by the council, except the  
19 council member, shall be appointed for three-year terms;  
20 provided that the terms of the initial committee members shall  
21 be staggered so that the term of one member expires each year.  
22 After the initial appointments, all appointed members shall be  
23 appointed for three-year terms. Members shall serve until  
24 their successors are appointed. A vacancy occurring other than  
25 by expiration of term shall be filled in the same manner as the

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1 original appointment, but only for the unexpired term.

2 C. The committee shall review and make  
3 recommendations to the council on investments authorized  
4 pursuant to Sections 7-27-5.15 and 7-27-5.26 NMSA 1978 and all  
5 other private equity investments and shall advise the council  
6 in matters and policies related to such investments. The  
7 committee shall establish policies for national private equity  
8 fund investments, New Mexico private equity fund investments  
9 and New Mexico film [~~private equity fund~~] investments [~~not less~~  
10 ~~often than annually~~] and shall make copies available to  
11 interested parties.

12 D. Members of the committee shall receive per diem  
13 and mileage as provided for nonsalaried public officers in the  
14 Per Diem and Mileage Act and shall receive no other  
15 compensation, perquisite or allowance.

16 E. The committee shall elect annually a chair from  
17 among its members and may elect other officers as necessary.  
18 The committee shall meet upon the call of the chair or the  
19 state investment officer.

20 F. Members of the committee are public employees  
21 within the meaning of the Tort Claims Act and are entitled to  
22 all immunity and indemnification provided under that act.

23 G. A person shall not be a member of the committee  
24 if any recommendation, action or decision of the committee will  
25 or is likely to result in direct, measurable economic gain to

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1 that person or that person's employer.

2 H. The state investment officer may enter into  
3 contracts with investment advisors for private equity fund  
4 investments and film fund investments authorized pursuant to  
5 Sections 7-27-5.15 and 7-27-5.26 NMSA 1978 and all other  
6 private equity investments and may pay budgeted expenses for  
7 the advisors from the assets of any fund administered under the  
8 supervision of the council, as applicable.

9 I. As used in this section, "private equity  
10 investments" means any legal entity that has as its primary  
11 business activity the investment of funds in return for equity  
12 in or debt of businesses for the purpose of providing capital  
13 for startup, expansion, new product development,  
14 recapitalization or a similar business purpose."

15 SECTION 7. TEMPORARY PROVISION--TRANSITION MEMBERSHIP OF  
16 STATE INVESTMENT COUNCIL.--

17 A. On July 1, 2012, the governor, state treasurer,  
18 commissioner of public lands and chief financial officer  
19 appointed by the governor are no longer members of the state  
20 investment council.

21 B. Within thirty days of July 1, 2012, the  
22 governor, state treasurer and commissioner of public lands  
23 shall appoint members of the state investment council, pursuant  
24 to Paragraphs (2), (3) and (8) of Subsection A of Section 6-8-2  
25 NMSA 1978, who shall serve on an interim basis until confirmed

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1 by the senate.

2 C. The four public members serving on the state  
3 investment council that were appointed by the New Mexico  
4 legislative council shall continue to serve until their terms  
5 expire or they resign or are removed.

6 D. Members of the state investment council shall be  
7 appointed pursuant to Paragraphs (4) through (7) of Subsection  
8 A of Section 6-8-2 NMSA 1978 as vacancies occur on the board  
9 pursuant to Subsection C of this section and shall serve on an  
10 interim basis until confirmed by the senate. The four  
11 appointing entities shall, by lot, determine the order in which  
12 they will appoint replacement members to the council.

13 SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the  
14 provisions of this act is July 1, 2012.

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