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SENATE BILL 322

**53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2017**

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AN ACT

RELATING TO DOMESTIC AFFAIRS; PROVIDING ADDITIONAL SECURITY  
MEASURES FOR CHILD CUSTODY PROCEEDINGS.

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

SECTION 1. [NEW MATERIAL] CHILD CUSTODY PROCEEDINGS--  
SECURITY.--

A. Each court in which a child custody proceeding  
is heard shall, to the extent possible, implement the following  
security measures:

(1) with the cooperation and assistance of the  
administrative office of the courts and local or state law  
enforcement agencies, provide training for judges and court  
personnel on safety concerns related to child custody  
proceedings;

(2) install security surveillance cameras on

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1 the interior and exterior of court facilities;

2 (3) allow one party to a proceeding to  
3 participate in a hearing via video conference;

4 (4) upon request by a party, provide the party  
5 with a law enforcement officer or security guard escort as the  
6 party leaves the court facility following a hearing in a child  
7 custody proceeding; and

8 (5) provide a waiting area to enable staggered  
9 departure times for parties leaving the court following a  
10 hearing in a child custody proceeding.

11 B. For the purposes of this section, "child custody  
12 proceeding" means a proceeding in which legal or physical  
13 custody of a child or visitation with the child is at issue.