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SENATE MEMORIAL 66

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

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM SUBCOMMITTEE BE RE-  
CREATED AND REPORT AT REGULAR INTERVALS TO THE APPROPRIATE  
INTERIM COMMITTEE EXAMINING CRIMINAL JUSTICE MATTERS IN THE  
2017 LEGISLATIVE INTERIM.

WHEREAS, in the 2013 legislative interim, the legislative  
finance committee and the Pew research center briefed the  
courts, corrections and justice committee on the results first  
initiative; and

WHEREAS, the courts, corrections and justice committee  
also heard a presentation in 2013 from right on crime, a  
conservative organization pushing for reform of the nation's  
criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, these presentations dovetailed to create a  
bipartisan consensus to examine New Mexico's criminal justice

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1 system with an eye toward reforming what might need reforming  
2 and using evidence-based analysis to analyze programs utilized  
3 by the state's criminal justice system, in order to create a  
4 criminal justice system that best serves the people of New  
5 Mexico; and

6 WHEREAS, the Criminal Code in New Mexico's statutes has  
7 many sections that are outdated, that, in some cases, seem to  
8 conflict and that, due to piecemeal amendments over the years,  
9 are often confusing; and

10 WHEREAS, many statutes criminalizing conduct are not  
11 included in the Criminal Code; and

12 WHEREAS, there is a recognized need that criminal  
13 penalties in statute should be examined to ensure that there is  
14 a proper balancing of penalties; and

15 WHEREAS, the New Mexico legislative council approved the  
16 formation of the criminal justice reform subcommittee of the  
17 courts, corrections and justice committee at the end of the  
18 2013 interim; and

19 WHEREAS, the criminal justice reform subcommittee met in  
20 November and December 2013 to hear briefings on the New Mexico  
21 criminal justice system and on successful criminal justice  
22 reform efforts in South Dakota and Texas; and

23 WHEREAS, the New Mexico legislative council approved the  
24 criminal justice reform subcommittee to reconvene in April  
25 2014, and it remains of critical importance to all New Mexicans

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1 that the criminal justice reform subcommittee be re-created to  
2 carry on its work during the 2017 interim;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
4 OF NEW MEXICO that the criminal justice reform subcommittee be  
5 re-created to carry on its work during the 2017 interim; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the criminal justice reform  
7 subcommittee be requested to report to the appropriate interim  
8 committee examining criminal justice matters when that  
9 committee reconvenes in 2017; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the subcommittee report to the  
11 appropriate interim committee examining criminal justice  
12 matters in October 2017 with proposed legislation for the 2018  
13 legislative session so that the committee can have adequate  
14 time to consider such legislation for endorsement; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
16 transmitted to the New Mexico legislative council and to the  
17 chair of the appropriate interim committee examining criminal  
18 justice matters.

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