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AN ACT

RELATING TO MISSING PERSONS; CREATING THE MISSING AND
MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN TASK FORCE; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. TEMPORARY PROVISION--MISSING AND MURDERED
INDIGENOUS WOMEN TASK FORCE--CREATED--FINDINGS--REPORT.--

A. The "missing and murdered indigenous women task
force" is created and shall exist until the end of fiscal
year 2021.

B. The task force consists of:

(1) the secretary of Indian affairs or the
secretary's designee from the Indian affairs department, who
shall be chair of the task force;

(2) the secretary of public safety or the
secretary's designee from the department of public safety;

(3) a representative of the United States
bureau of Indian affairs office of justice services
designated by the southwest region's deputy regional director
for Indian services of the bureau of Indian affairs;

(4) one person who is a member of a pueblo,
appointed by the governor;

(5) one person who is a member of the
Jicarilla Apache Nation, appointed by the governor;

(6) one person who is a member of the

1 Mescalero Apache Tribe, appointed by the governor;

2 (7) one person who is a member of the Navajo
3 Nation, appointed by the governor;

4 (8) one person from the office of the
5 medical investigator;

6 (9) one person who is a representative of an
7 indigenous women's nongovernmental organization that provides
8 counseling services for indigenous women and girls who have
9 been victims of violence, appointed by the governor;

10 (10) one person who is a representative of a
11 statewide or local nongovernmental organization that provides
12 legal services to indigenous women and girls who have been
13 victims of violence, appointed by the governor; and

14 (11) one person who is an indigenous woman
15 who has been a victim of violence or a family member of an
16 indigenous woman who has been a victim of violence, appointed
17 by the governor.

18 C. Vacancies by members of the task force
19 appointed by the governor shall be filled by appointment by
20 the governor.

21 D. Task force members appointed by the governor
22 may receive per diem and mileage as provided for non-salaried
23 public officers in the Per Diem and Mileage Act and shall
24 receive no other compensation, perquisite or allowance.

25 E. The task force shall conduct a study to

1 determine how to increase state resources for reporting and
2 identifying missing and murdered indigenous women in the
3 state. The task force shall collaborate with tribal law
4 enforcement agencies to determine the scope of the problem,
5 identify barriers to address the problem and create
6 partnerships to improve the reporting of and the
7 investigation of missing and murdered indigenous women.

8 F. The task force shall work with tribal
9 governments and shall respect tribal sovereignty. The task
10 force shall collaborate with the United States department of
11 justice to improve its processes for information sharing and
12 coordination of resources in regard to reporting and
13 investigating cases of missing and murdered indigenous women
14 in the state.

15 G. The task force shall report its findings and
16 recommendations to the governor, the legislative council
17 service library and the appropriate interim legislative
18 committee and present those findings to the appropriate
19 interim legislative committee prior to November 1, 2020.

20 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public
21 peace, health and safety that this act take effect
22 immediately.

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