

1 SENATE BILL 177

2 **55TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2021**

3 INTRODUCED BY

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION; CONFORMING THE CENTER OF
12 EXCELLENCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO HEALTH SCIENCES
13 CENTER TO BE STRUCTURED SIMILAR TO OTHER CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE.

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

16 SECTION 1. Section 21-1-27.11 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2019,
17 Chapter 60, Section 1) is amended to read:

18 "21-1-27.11. CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE.--

19 A. A "center of excellence" is established at the
20 following higher education institutions:

21 (1) the New Mexico institute of mining and
22 technology to work toward developing and promoting innovation
23 in and expanding cybersecurity industries;

24 (2) New Mexico state university to work toward
25 developing and promoting innovation in and expanding

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1 sustainable agricultural industries;

2 (3) San Juan college to work toward developing
3 and promoting innovation in and expanding sustainable and
4 renewable energy industries; and

5 (4) the university of New Mexico health
6 sciences center [~~affiliated entity, the New Mexico bioscience~~
7 ~~authority~~] to continue its work toward developing, promoting
8 innovation in and expanding the bioscience industry in New
9 Mexico.

10 B. Each center of excellence provided for in
11 Subsection A of this section shall foster excellence in the
12 noted field through:

13 (1) collaboration among leaders of the state's
14 agencies, higher education institutions, business sector,
15 national laboratories and community organizations;

16 (2) the development by those leaders of
17 strategies to accomplish that aim; and

18 (3) the execution of those strategies.

19 C. Each center of excellence provided for in
20 Subsection A of this section shall:

21 (1) actively seek, and may accept, public and
22 private funding for its work;

23 (2) establish short- and long-term goals for
24 job creation, business creation and private equity investment
25 outcomes of its work; and

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1 (3) beginning in 2020, report annually to the
2 higher education department and the legislative finance
3 committee on its goals and achievements."

4 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
5 provisions of this act is July 1, 2021.

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