

1 HOUSE BILL 328

2 **56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2023**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; ENACTING A NEW SECTION OF CHAPTER  
12 67 NMSA 1978; REQUIRING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A VISION ZERO PLAN;  
13 REQUIRING REPORTS; CREATING THE POSITION OF VISION ZERO  
14 COORDINATOR; PROVIDING DUTIES; PROVIDING A DEFINITION.

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

17 SECTION 1. A new section Chapter 67 NMSA 1978 is enacted  
18 to read:

19 "[NEW MATERIAL] VISION ZERO--PLAN--REPORTS--COORDINATOR--  
20 DUTIES.--

21 A. The secretary shall develop a vision zero plan  
22 for roadways in New Mexico that will aim to achieve an annual  
23 traffic safety record with zero vehicle-related deaths or  
24 serious injuries by the end of calendar year 2030. The vision  
25 zero plan shall include:

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1 (1) a roadway design plan that is capable of  
2 achieving annual traffic safety records with zero vehicle-  
3 related deaths or serious injuries;

4 (2) a projected budget for implementing the  
5 roadway design plan, including a budget for the vision zero  
6 coordinator's position, staff and expenses;

7 (3) recommendations for amendments to the  
8 Motor Vehicle Code or other laws in order to achieve the vision  
9 zero goals; and

10 (4) an evaluation framework that measures the  
11 effectiveness of vision zero efforts, including transportation  
12 projects intended to reduce traffic fatalities and serious  
13 injuries.

14 B. On or before October 31, 2023, the secretary  
15 shall present the vision zero plan to the appropriate interim  
16 legislative committee concerning transportation, the  
17 legislative finance committee and the governor, and on or  
18 before October 31 in each subsequent year through 2030, the  
19 secretary shall present vision zero plan updates to those  
20 legislative committees and the governor. The secretary shall  
21 publish the vision zero plan and updates to the plan on the  
22 department's website by December 1 each year.

23 C. The position of "vision zero coordinator" is  
24 created within the department. The vision zero coordinator  
25 shall be appointed by the secretary and shall have the

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1 following minimum qualifications:

2 (1) a master's or equivalent degree in roadway  
3 engineering or design, traffic engineering, road traffic  
4 control, traffic safety, urban or regional planning or similar  
5 degree; and

6 (2) ten years of experience in the fields of  
7 regional or urban planning, traffic control, traffic design or  
8 traffic safety, including at least five years' experience  
9 managing a county, municipal, state or tribal traffic safety  
10 program.

11 D. The vision zero coordinator shall:

12 (1) coordinate the department's implementation  
13 of the vision zero plan;

14 (2) provide planning and technical assistance  
15 to county, municipal and tribal governments to develop local  
16 vision zero or similar traffic safety plans; and

17 (3) coordinate state vision zero plan  
18 implementation actions with any county, municipal or tribal  
19 vision zero plan actions.

20 E. As used in this section, "vision zero" means a  
21 program for planning and developing a roadway system that has  
22 no vehicle-related deaths or serious injuries."

23 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the  
24 provisions of this act is July 1, 2023.