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PROPOSED AMENDMENT DIRECTED TO A COMMITTEE

February 16, 2026

Madam Chair:

I propose to the HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE the following amendments to

SENATE BILL 50

1. On page 1, line 11, after the semicolon, insert "PROVIDING CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS FOR IN-SERVICE TRAINING;".

2. On page 1, between lines 15 and 16, insert:

"SECTION 1. Section 29-7-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1979, Chapter 202, Section 42, as amended) is amended to read:

"29-7-3. NEW MEXICO LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS AND TRAINING COUNCIL.--

A. The "New Mexico law enforcement standards and training council" is created and is administratively attached to the New Mexico law enforcement academy of the department of public safety, which shall provide staff support for the council.

B. The council shall develop and promulgate training requirements, curricula and methods; professional development programs; and performance standards for law enforcement officers and public safety telecommunicators at all levels, including basic, field training officer programs, advanced, specialized and instructor training to be consistent throughout New Mexico.

C. The council shall establish and maintain a

comprehensive curriculum for law enforcement in-service training. The curriculum shall be rooted in evidence-based practices and evaluated against current peer-reviewed research in the field of public safety. In addition to the subject areas covered in basic training, the council has discretionary authority to develop and implement instructional modules in supplemental subject areas, including issues raised through regular consultation with victim advocacy organizations, civil rights groups and public stakeholders. To ensure that the curriculum remains state of the art, the council shall have the power to modify training requirements, including distribution of subject hours and subject priority, as necessary, to allow for the flexible integration of emerging trends, to address urgent or evolving threats to public safety or to rectify identified systemic performance gaps.

[6.] D. The council consists of:

(1) the director of the academy and the directors of the accredited regional law enforcement training facilities, who serve ex officio; and

(2) eleven members appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate, consisting of:

(a) one attorney employed in a district attorney's office;

(b) one attorney employed by the public defender department;

(c) one certified police chief of a New Mexico Indian nation, tribe or pueblo;

(d) two New Mexico state-certified public safety telecommunicators, one of whom shall be from an agency that offers fire and medical telecommunications services and one of whom shall be from a public safety agency serving a rural part of the state;

(e) two members who have experience and specialize in providing adult education;

(f) two citizen-at-large members, one of whom has

behavioral health expertise and neither of whom is an active or retired law enforcement officer or public safety telecommunicator or has a familial or financial connection to an active or retired law enforcement officer or public safety telecommunicator or any agency or department for which a law enforcement officer or public safety telecommunicator works;

(g) a sheriff who is a New Mexico state-certified law enforcement officer; and

(h) a municipal law enforcement manager who is a New Mexico-state certified law enforcement officer in a command position.

~~[D.]~~ E. An appointed council member shall serve and have all the duties, responsibilities and authority of that office during the period prior to the final action by the senate in confirming or rejecting the appointments. Vacancies on the council shall be filled by appointment by the governor with the consent of the senate for the remainder of the unexpired term.

~~[E.]~~ F. Appointments to the council shall be for staggered terms of four years or less made in such manner that the terms of not more than four members expire on July 1 of each year.

~~[F.]~~ G. Members of the council are entitled to receive, for their service as members of the council, per diem and mileage as provided in the Per Diem and Mileage Act."".

3. Renumber the succeeding sections accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

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