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SENATE BILL 359

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1998

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

CREATING A JOINT INTERIM LEGISLATIVE FEDERAL FUNDS TASK FORCE;
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Section 1. FEDERAL FUNDS TASK FORCE CREATED--

TERMINATION.--There is created a joint interim legislative task force, which shall be known as the "federal funds task force". The task force shall function from the date of its appointment until of December 1 prior to the first session of the forty-fourth legislature.

Section 2. MEMBERSHIP-- APPOINTMENT-- VACANCIES. --

A. The task force shall be composed of six legislative members and four nonlegislative members. Three members of the house of representatives, one of whom shall be a member of the legislative finance committee, shall be

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1 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, and
2 three members of the senate, one of whom shall be a member of
3 the legislative finance committee, shall be appointed by the
4 committees' committee of the senate, or, if the senate
5 appointments are made in the interim, by the president pro
6 tempore of the senate after consultation with and agreement of
7 a majority of the members of the committees' committee.

8 B. Members shall be appointed from each house so
9 as to give the two major political parties in each house the
10 same proportional representation on the task force as prevails
11 in each house; however, in no event shall either party have
12 less than one member from each house on the task force.

13 Vacancies on the task force shall be filled by appointment in
14 the same manner as the original appointments. The speaker of
15 the house of representatives and the president pro tempore of
16 the senate shall each appoint a co-chairman.

17 C. No action shall be taken by the task force if a
18 majority of the total membership from either house on the task
19 force rejects such action.

20 D. Two nonlegislative members of the task force
21 who do not serve ex officio shall be appointed by the speaker
22 of the house of representatives and the president pro tempore
23 of the senate and shall represent advocates for recipients of
24 federal funds.

25 E. Two additional nonlegislative members shall be:

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1 (1) the secretary of finance and
2 administration or his designee; and

3 (2) the secretary of human services or his
4 designee.

5 F. The public members shall be paid per diem and
6 mileage in accordance with the provisions of the Per Diem and
7 Mileage Act.

8 Section 3. DUTIES. --After its appointment, the task
9 force shall hold one organizational meeting to develop a work
10 plan and budget for the ensuing interim. The work plan and
11 budget shall be submitted to the New Mexico legislative
12 council for approval. Upon approval of the work plan and
13 budget by the New Mexico legislative council, the task force
14 shall:

15 A. identify the major sources of federal funds
16 received by the state; the federal requirements for receiving
17 and expending each major source of funds; the programs
18 developed by the state for the expenditure of the federal
19 funds; and the state and federal authority for the development
20 and implementation of the programs; and

21 B. determine if New Mexico's current process for
22 receiving and expending federal funds can be improved to avoid
23 duplication of effort, to strengthen state control over
24 programs implemented in New Mexico and to ensure that New
25 Mexico is obtaining the maximum benefit from the utilization

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1 of state and federal money.

2 Section 4. SUBCOMMITTEES. --Subcommittees shall be
3 created only by majority vote of all members appointed to the
4 task force and with the prior approval of the New Mexico
5 legislative council. A subcommittee shall be composed of at
6 least one member from the senate and one member from the house
7 of representatives, and at least one member of the minority
8 party shall be a member of the subcommittee. All meetings and
9 expenditures of a subcommittee shall be approved by the full
10 task force in advance of such meeting or expenditure, and the
11 approval shall be shown in the minutes of the task force.

12 Section 5. REPORT. --The task force shall make a report
13 of its findings and recommendations for the consideration of
14 the first session of the forty-fourth legislature. The report
15 and suggested legislation shall be made available to the New
16 Mexico legislative council and the legislative finance
17 committee on or before December 15 preceding that session.

18 Section 6. STAFF. --The staff for the task force shall be
19 provided by the legislative council service.

20 Section 7. APPROPRIATION. --Fifty thousand dollars
21 (\$50,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
22 legislative council service for expenditure in fiscal years
23 1998 and 1999 for the purpose of paying the salaries and
24 expenses of the technical, legal, clerical and stenographic
25 assistants, for necessary equipment and supplies used in

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1 carrying out the provisions of this act and for reimbursing
2 the per diem and mileage expenses of the task force. Any
3 unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of
4 fiscal year 1999 shall revert to the general fund. Payments
5 from the appropriation shall be made upon vouchers signed by
6 the director of the legislative council service or the
7 director's authorized representative.

8 Section 8. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public
9 peace, health and safety that this act take effect
10 immediately.

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8 Mr. President:
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10 Your COMMITTEES' COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred
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14 has had it under consideration and finds same to be GERMANE, in
15 accordance with constitutional provisions, and thence referred to the
16 FINANCE COMMITTEE.
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Manny M. Aragon, Chairman

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8 Mr. President:

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10 Your FINANCE COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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14 has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation
15 that it DO PASS.

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Absent: None

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8 Mr. Speaker:
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10 Your APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE, to whom has
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16 recommendation that it DO PASS.

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