

HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL 292

57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2026

AN ACT

RELATING TO CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS; REQUIRING THE
CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT TO PROMULGATE RULES AND ADOPT A ZERO-
TOLERANCE POLICY FOR SEXUAL ABUSE AND VIOLENCE.

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

SECTION 1. A new section of the Corrections Department
Act is enacted to read:

"~~[NEW MATERIAL]~~ ZERO-TOLERANCE SEXUAL ABUSE AND VIOLENCE
POLICY--RULES.--

A. The corrections department shall adopt a zero-
tolerance policy for sexual abuse and violence in all
incarceration facilities.

B. The corrections department shall, no later than
October 21, 2026, promulgate rules to prevent the occurrence of
sexual abuse or violence in all incarceration facilities,

1 including:

- 2 (1) best practices;
- 3 (2) sexual abuse or violence services;
- 4 (3) reporting requirements for any instances
5 of sexual abuse or violence;
- 6 (4) data collection regarding instances of
7 sexual abuse or violence;
- 8 (5) best practices to prevent incidents of
9 sexual abuse or violence against lesbian, gay, bisexual,
10 transgender and queer inmates;
- 11 (6) resources, including counseling and health
12 care services, for inmates or guards who have experienced
13 sexual violence or abuse;
- 14 (7) training for staff to minimize the
15 occurrences of sexual violence; and
- 16 (8) training for staff to receive reports of
17 sexual violence."