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HOUSE BILL 290

45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001

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AN ACT

**RELATING TO CORRECTIONS; AUTHORIZING THE CORRECTIONS
DEPARTMENT TO COLLECT, MAINTAIN AND DISTRIBUTE INFORMATION
REGARDING GANGS IN STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES.**

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

**Section 1. CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT--AUTHORITY TO COLLECT,
MAINTAIN AND DISTRIBUTE GANG INFORMATION.--**

**A. The warden of each state correctional facility
may take reasonably necessary measures to restrict the
conditions of confinement for an inmate who has a past or
existing affiliation or association with a gang, for the
purpose of preventing recruitment of new gang members from the
inmate general population.**

**B. The warden of each state correctional facility
may organize a gang intelligence unit, that includes**

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1 corrections administrators and correctional officers, to
2 identify gangs and gang members in state correctional
3 facilities, collect gang information and enter that
4 information into the criminal management information system
5 administered by the corrections department.

6 C. The corrections department may use a
7 corrections administrator to collect, maintain, analyze and
8 distribute gang information. The administrator may share gang
9 information with officials who manage correctional facilities,
10 county jails, municipal jails and law enforcement agencies in
11 New Mexico.

12 D. As used in this section, "gang" means an
13 organization, association or group of three or more persons
14 that has a common name, common interest or a common
15 identifying sign or symbol and whose members, individually or
16 collectively, engage in criminal activity or serious
17 misconduct violations.

18 Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
19 provisions of this act is July 1, 2001.

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