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HOUSE BILL 44

**48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007**

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AN ACT

RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION; ESTABLISHING THE DIVISIONS OF THE  
HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

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

Section 1. Section 9-25-4 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2005,  
Chapter 289, Section 4) is amended to read:

"9-25-4. DEPARTMENT CREATED.--

A. The "higher education department" is created in  
the executive branch. The department is a cabinet department  
~~[The secretary shall organize the department so that bureaus  
and divisions exist to focus on the needs of and for the  
diverse categories of post-secondary institutions, including  
two-year institutions, four-year institutions, research  
institutions and institutions with academic medical centers.  
The secretary shall make recommendations to the second session~~

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1 ~~of the forty-seventh legislature on the statutory organization~~  
2 ~~of the department]~~ and includes the following divisions:

- 3 (1) the administrative services division;
- 4 (2) the planning and research division;
- 5 (3) the financial aid division;
- 6 (4) the public information and communications  
7 division;
- 8 (5) the adult basic education division;
- 9 (6) the information technology division;
- 10 (7) the private and proprietary schools  
11 division; and
- 12 (8) the public schools liaison division.

13 B. The secretary may organize the department and  
14 divisions of the department and may transfer or merge functions  
15 between divisions and bureaus in the interest of efficiency and  
16 economy."