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SENATE BILL 528

48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2008

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AN ACT

RELATING TO LEGISLATIVE INTERIM COMMITTEES; CREATING THE
INTERIM REGULATORY PROCESS AND ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COMMITTEE;
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

Section 1. CREATION OF COMMITTEE.--The joint interim
legislative "regulatory process and administrative law
committee" is created. The committee shall function from the
date of its appointment until December 15 prior to the first
session of the fiftieth legislature.

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

A. The regulatory process and administrative law
committee shall be composed of ten voting members. The New
Mexico legislative council shall annually appoint five members
from the house of representatives, with at least two members 2

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1 from the minority party, and five members from the senate, with
2 at least two members from the minority party. At the time of
3 making the appointments, the New Mexico legislative council
4 shall designate the chair and vice chair. Advisory members may
5 be appointed by the council.

6 B. Vacancies on the committee shall be filled by
7 appointment in the same manner as the original appointments.

8 C. Members of the committee shall be paid per diem
9 and mileage in accordance with the provisions of the Per Diem
10 and Mileage Act.

11 Section 3. DUTIES.--After its appointment, the regulatory
12 process and administrative law committee shall hold one
13 organizational meeting to develop a work plan and budget for
14 the ensuing interim. The work plan and budget shall be
15 submitted to the New Mexico legislative council for approval.
16 Upon approval of the work plan and budget by the New Mexico
17 legislative council, the committee shall:

18 A. conduct a continuing study of the benefits and
19 challenges of existing agency regulatory process and structure;

20 B. review the model Administrative Procedures Act
21 and other regulatory process legislation;

22 C. recommend any necessary legislative action to
23 improve regulatory processes, including a time line for
24 implementation of any recommended changes; and

25 D. make a full report of its findings and

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1 recommendations.

2 Section 4. STAFF.--The staff for the regulatory process
3 and administrative law committee shall be provided by the
4 legislative council service and the director of the
5 administrative law division of the state records center and
6 archives.

7 Section 5. APPROPRIATION.--Ninety thousand dollars
8 (\$90,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
9 legislative council service for expenditure in fiscal year 2009
10 to support the regulatory process and administrative law
11 committee. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at
12 the end of fiscal year 2009 shall revert to the general fund.