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SENATE BILL 26

**49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2010**

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AN ACT

RELATING TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE; CREATING THE NEW MEXICO DOMESTIC  
VIOLENCE LEADERSHIP COMMISSION.

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

Section 1. NEW MEXICO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LEADERSHIP  
COMMISSION--MEMBERSHIP--DUTIES.--

A. The "New Mexico domestic violence leadership  
commission" is created and is administratively attached to the  
children, youth and families department.

B. The New Mexico domestic violence leadership  
commission shall consist of twenty-three members appointed by  
the governor, unless otherwise specified, including:

(1) a representative from the office of the  
governor;

(2) the attorney general or the attorney

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1 general's designee;

2 (3) a state senator appointed by the senate  
3 president pro tempore;

4 (4) a state representative appointed by the  
5 speaker of the house of representatives;

6 (5) a representative from the department of  
7 public safety;

8 (6) the secretary of children, youth and  
9 families or the secretary's designee;

10 (7) a representative from the judiciary;

11 (8) the president of the New Mexico district  
12 attorney's association or the president's designee;

13 (9) the chief public defender or the chief  
14 public defender's designee;

15 (10) a representative from the corrections  
16 department;

17 (11) a representative from a law enforcement  
18 agency;

19 (12) a representative from New Mexico legal  
20 aid;

21 (13) a representative from the department of  
22 health;

23 (14) a representative from the New Mexico  
24 coalition against domestic violence or an equivalent  
25 organization;

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1 (15) a representative from the southwest  
2 women's law center or an equivalent organization;

3 (16) a representative from the coalition to  
4 stop violence against native women or an equivalent  
5 organization;

6 (17) a representative from the crime victims  
7 reparation commission;

8 (18) the director of the New Mexico  
9 interpersonal violence data central repository;

10 (19) a representative from the New Mexico  
11 intimate partner violence death review team;

12 (20) a representative from the aging and long-  
13 term services department;

14 (21) a community representative; and

15 (22) two rural domestic violence service  
16 providers.

17 C. The appointed members of the New Mexico domestic  
18 violence leadership commission shall serve at the pleasure of  
19 the governor, and the members' appointments shall be reviewed  
20 at the commencement of each gubernatorial term. The governor  
21 shall designate one member as the chair, and the position of  
22 the chair shall be limited by a term of two years.

23 D. The New Mexico domestic violence leadership  
24 commission shall meet, pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, at  
25 the call of the chair at least six times annually. For the

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1 purposes of conducting business, a majority of the members of  
2 the commission constitutes a quorum.

3 E. Members of the New Mexico domestic violence  
4 leadership commission shall not be paid, but shall receive per  
5 diem and mileage as provided in the Per Diem and Mileage Act.

6 F. The New Mexico domestic violence leadership  
7 commission shall:

8 (1) identify domestic violence services that  
9 are lacking or in need of improvement and provide  
10 recommendations to the secretary of children, youth and  
11 families and the governor to enhance the quality and efficiency  
12 of services statewide;

13 (2) develop strategies for addressing issues  
14 of domestic violence and raising public awareness;

15 (3) review laws, regulations and policies  
16 related to domestic violence to assess their effectiveness and  
17 recommend changes; and

18 (4) report annually before October 1 to an  
19 appropriate legislative interim committee and the governor on  
20 domestic violence policy issues.