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SENATE BILL 264

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

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AN ACT

RELATING TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES; CREATING THE  
DISABILITIES CONCERNS SUBCOMMITTEE AS A PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE  
OF THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE.

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

Section 1. A new section of Chapter 2, Article 13 NMSA  
1978 is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] DISABILITIES CONCERNS SUBCOMMITTEE  
CREATED--MEMBERSHIP--APPOINTMENT--DUTIES--REPORT.--

A. The "disabilities concerns subcommittee" is  
created as a permanent subcommittee of the legislative health  
and human services committee. The subcommittee shall be  
composed of six members. The New Mexico legislative council  
shall appoint three members from the house of representatives  
and three members from the senate. At the time of making the

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1 appointments, the legislative council shall designate the chair  
2 of the subcommittee. Members shall be appointed so as to give  
3 the two major political parties in each house the same  
4 proportionate representation on the committee as prevails in  
5 each house; provided that in no event shall either of such  
6 parties have less than one member from each house on the  
7 subcommittee.

8 B. Members of the disabilities concerns  
9 subcommittee may be removed from the subcommittee by the  
10 legislative council, at the request of the subcommittee chair,  
11 for nonattendance according to legislative council policy.  
12 Vacancies on the subcommittee, however caused, may be filled by  
13 the legislative council, or the legislative council may reduce  
14 the size of the subcommittee by not making replacement  
15 appointments and, in such case, need not readjust party  
16 representation. No action shall be taken by the subcommittee  
17 if a majority of the total membership from either house on the  
18 subcommittee rejects such action.

19 C. The disabilities concerns subcommittee shall  
20 conduct a continuing study of the programs, agencies, policies,  
21 issues and needs relating to individuals with disabilities,  
22 including review and study of the statutes, constitutional  
23 provisions, regulations and court decisions governing these  
24 programs, agencies and issues. The subcommittee shall also  
25 study the full continuum of programs and services available and

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1 needed for individuals with disabilities.

2 D. By October 1 of each year, the subcommittee  
3 shall make a report of its findings and recommendations and  
4 recommend any necessary legislation to the legislative health  
5 and human services committee."

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