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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:

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

B. Members of the disabilities concerns

1 subcommittee may be removed from the subcommittee by the
2 legislative council, at the request of the subcommittee
3 chair, for nonattendance according to legislative council
4 policy. Vacancies on the subcommittee, however caused, may
5 be filled by the legislative council, or the legislative
6 council may reduce the size of the subcommittee by not making
7 replacement appointments and, in such case, need not readjust
8 party representation. No action shall be taken by the
9 subcommittee if a majority of the total membership from
10 either house on the subcommittee rejects such action.

11 C. The disabilities concerns subcommittee shall
12 conduct a continuing study of the programs, agencies,
13 policies, issues and needs relating to individuals with
14 disabilities, including review and study of the statutes,
15 constitutional provisions, regulations and court decisions
16 governing these programs, agencies and issues. The
17 subcommittee shall also study the full continuum of programs
18 and services available and needed for individuals with
19 disabilities.

20 D. By October 1 of each year, the subcommittee
21 shall make a report of its findings and recommendations and
22 recommend any necessary legislation to the legislative health
23 and human services committee."