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HOUSE BILL 528

50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2011

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AN ACT

RELATING TO EXECUTIVE ORGANIZATION; REPEALING THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN; ATTACHING THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON WOMEN'S HEALTH TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH; TRANSFERRING THE OFFICE OF DISPLACED HOMEMAKERS AND ITS FUNCTIONS TO THE WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING FOR TRANSFERS OF FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATIONS, MONEY, PROPERTY AND CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS; AMENDING AND REPEALING SECTIONS OF THE NMSA 1978.

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

SECTION 1. Section 28-3-6.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2009, Chapter 83, Section 1) is amended to read:

"28-3-6.1. OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON WOMEN'S HEALTH CREATED.--

A. The "office of the governor's council on women's

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1 health" is created and is administratively attached to the
2 [~~commission on the status of women~~] department of health.

3 B. The office of the governor's council on women's
4 health shall:

5 (1) serve as a clearinghouse for education and
6 information on women's health;

7 (2) recommend performance measures and
8 outcomes specific to women's health;

9 (3) report annually by September 1 to the
10 governor on women's health policy issues;

11 (4) assist in developing policy to improve
12 women's health and well-being, including policies that explain
13 and explore the links between women's health and economic
14 security; and

15 (5) assist state agencies, including the
16 department of health, to improve access to health care for
17 women.

18 C. The governor shall appoint the director of the
19 office of the governor's council on women's health, who shall
20 serve at the pleasure of the governor.

21 D. The governor shall appoint advisors to the
22 office of the governor's council on women's health to represent
23 the geographic diversity of the state as follows:

24 (1) one representative from each of the
25 following:

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1 [~~(a)~~ ~~the commission on the status of~~
2 ~~women;~~
3 ~~(b)~~] (a) the department of health;
4 [~~(c)~~] (b) the New Mexico health policy
5 commission;
6 [~~(d)~~] (c) the children, youth and
7 families department;
8 [~~(e)~~] (d) the human services department;
9 [~~(f)~~] (e) the Indian affairs department;
10 [~~(g)~~] (f) the veterans' services
11 department; and
12 [~~(h)~~] (g) the office on African American
13 affairs;
14 (2) one representative of providers of women's
15 health services;
16 (3) two representatives from rural counties;
17 and
18 (4) four representatives of advocacy,
19 community or consumer groups.
20 E. Advisors to the office of the governor's council
21 on women's health shall serve at the pleasure of the governor,
22 shall meet at least four times per year and shall serve for
23 two-year terms.
24 F. For purposes of conducting business, a majority
25 of the advisors to the office of the governor's council on

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1 women's health shall constitute a quorum.

2 G. The advisors to the office of the governor's
3 council on women's health may organize statewide meetings and
4 focus groups to involve members of the public further in
5 improving women's health and to identify emerging issues around
6 women's health care delivery and services."

7 SECTION 2. Section 28-3-10 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1977,
8 Chapter 292, Section 4, as amended) is amended to read:

9 "28-3-10. OFFICE FOR DISPLACED HOMEMAKERS--CREATION--
10 RESEARCH AND PLANNING FOR DISPLACED HOMEMAKER PROGRAMS.--There
11 is created in the [~~commission on the status of women~~] workforce
12 solutions department an "office for displaced homemakers". The
13 office for displaced homemakers shall conduct research and
14 planning for programs to meet the needs of displaced
15 homemakers, which programs may include:

16 A. job counseling services specifically designed
17 for a person entering the job market after a number of years as
18 a homemaker;

19 B. job training and job placement services,
20 including but not limited to:

21 (1) assistance in gaining admission to
22 existing public and private job training programs and
23 opportunities;

24 (2) development of training and placement
25 programs for jobs in the private and public sectors, in

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1 conjunction with state and local government agencies, private
2 employers and already existing training and placement programs;
3 and

4 (3) identification of community needs and
5 fundseeking for creation of new public service jobs which
6 displaced homemakers might fill;

7 C. information and assistance with respect to
8 health care, financial matters, education, nutrition and legal
9 problems;

10 D. a clearinghouse of information to compile,
11 coordinate and disseminate information about services and
12 programs available to displaced homemakers;

13 E. training for service agency personnel who work
14 with displaced homemakers; and

15 F. the development of methods and materials aimed
16 at facilitating outreach and communication for displaced
17 homemaker service agencies and programs."

18 SECTION 3. Section 28-3-11 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1977,
19 Chapter 292, Section 5, as amended) is amended to read:

20 "28-3-11. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS.--The [~~director of~~
21 ~~the commission on the status of women, in conjunction with the~~]
22 office for displaced homemakers shall submit to the legislature
23 an annual report on the number of displaced homemakers served
24 by existing public and private agencies and shall make
25 recommendations for displaced homemaker programs, which may

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1 include:

2 A. a plan for the establishment, funding and
3 implementation of regional displaced homemaker service centers
4 in New Mexico; and

5 B. recommendations for legislative action."

6 SECTION 4. TEMPORARY PROVISIONS--TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS,
7 APPROPRIATIONS AND PROPERTY--CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS.--

8 A. On July 1, 2011, all appropriations, money,
9 records, furniture, equipment and other property of the office
10 of the governor's council on women's health shall be
11 transferred to the department of health.

12 B. On July 1, 2011, all functions, appropriations,
13 money, records, furniture, equipment and other property of the
14 commission on the status of women relating to the Displaced
15 Homemakers Act and the teamworks program shall be transferred
16 to the workforce solutions department, and all remaining
17 appropriations and money shall revert to the general fund.

18 C. On July 1, 2011, contractual obligations of the
19 commission on the status of women relating to the Displaced
20 Homemakers Act are binding on the workforce solutions
21 department.

22 D. On July 1, 2011, contractual obligations of the
23 commission on the status of women relating to women's health
24 are binding on the department of health.

25 SECTION 5. REPEAL.--Sections 9-8-8 and 28-3-1 through

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1 28-3-6 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1977, Chapter 252, Section 9 and
2 Laws 1974, Chapter 90, Sections 1 through 6, as amended) are
3 repealed.

4 SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
5 provisions of this act is July 1, 2011.