

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THAT THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM SUBCOMMITTEE BE  
3 RE-CREATED AND REPORT AT REGULAR INTERVALS TO THE APPROPRIATE  
4 INTERIM COMMITTEE EXAMINING CRIMINAL JUSTICE MATTERS IN THE  
5 2017 LEGISLATIVE INTERIM.

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7 WHEREAS, in the 2013 legislative interim, the  
8 legislative finance committee and the Pew research center  
9 briefed the courts, corrections and justice committee on the  
10 results first initiative; and

11 WHEREAS, the courts, corrections and justice committee  
12 also heard a presentation in 2013 from right on crime, a  
13 conservative organization pushing for reform of the nation's  
14 criminal justice system; and

15 WHEREAS, these presentations dovetailed to create a  
16 bipartisan consensus to examine New Mexico's criminal justice  
17 system with an eye toward reforming what might need reforming  
18 and using evidence-based analysis to analyze programs  
19 utilized by the state's criminal justice system, in order to  
20 create a criminal justice system that best serves the people  
21 of New Mexico; and

22 WHEREAS, the Criminal Code in New Mexico's statutes has  
23 many sections that are outdated, that, in some cases, seem to  
24 conflict and that, due to piecemeal amendments over the  
25 years, are often confusing; and

1           WHEREAS, many statutes criminalizing conduct are not  
2 included in the Criminal Code; and

3           WHEREAS, there is a recognized need that criminal  
4 penalties in statute should be examined to ensure that there  
5 is a proper balancing of penalties; and

6           WHEREAS, the New Mexico legislative council approved the  
7 formation of the criminal justice reform subcommittee of the  
8 courts, corrections and justice committee at the end of the  
9 2013 interim; and

10           WHEREAS, the criminal justice reform subcommittee met in  
11 November and December 2013 to hear briefings on the  
12 New Mexico criminal justice system and on successful criminal  
13 justice reform efforts in South Dakota and Texas; and

14           WHEREAS, the New Mexico legislative council approved the  
15 criminal justice reform subcommittee to reconvene in  
16 April 2014, and it remains of critical importance to all  
17 New Mexicans that the criminal justice reform subcommittee be  
18 re-created to carry on its work during the 2017 interim;

19           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE  
20 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the criminal justice reform  
21 subcommittee be re-created to carry on its work during the  
22 2017 interim; and

23           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the criminal justice reform  
24 subcommittee be requested to report to the appropriate  
25 interim committee examining criminal justice matters when

1 that committee reconvenes in 2017; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the subcommittee report to  
3 the appropriate interim committee examining criminal justice  
4 matters in October 2017 with proposed legislation for the  
5 2018 legislative session so that the committee can have  
6 adequate time to consider such legislation for endorsement;  
7 and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
9 transmitted to the New Mexico legislative council and to the  
10 chair of the appropriate interim committee examining criminal  
11 justice matters.

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