

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-six 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 general's designee;

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

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

- (5) a representative from the department of public safety;
- (6) the secretary of children, youth and families or the secretary's designee;
- (7) a representative from the judiciary;
- (8) the president of the New Mexico district attorney's association or the president's designee;
- (9) the chief public defender or the chief public defender's designee;
- (10) a representative from the corrections department;
- (11) a representative from a law enforcement agency;
- (12) a representative from New Mexico legal aid;
- (13) a representative from the department of health;
- (14) a representative from the New Mexico coalition against domestic violence or an equivalent organization;
- (15) a representative from the southwest women's law center or an equivalent organization;
- (16) a representative from the coalition to stop violence against native women or an equivalent organization;
- (17) a representative from the crime victims reparation commission;
- (18) the director of the New Mexico interpersonal violence data central repository;
- (19) a representative from the New Mexico intimate partner violence death review team;
- (20) a representative from the aging and long-term services department;
- (21) a community representative;
- (22) two rural domestic violence service providers;
- (23) a domestic violence survivor nominated by the New Mexico coalition against domestic violence;

(24) a representative from a children's advocacy organization; and

(25) a representative from a gay and lesbian organization."

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

D. The New Mexico domestic violence leadership commission shall meet, pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, at the call of the chair at least six times annually. For the purposes of conducting business, a majority of the members of the commission constitutes a quorum.

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

F. The New Mexico domestic violence leadership commission shall:

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

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

(3) study possible inequities in the treatment and disposition of males involved in domestic violence;

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

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