

This legislation would establish an 11 member task force, under the direction of the Department of Health, to study and recommend programs to the legislature to divert children from a life of crime.

While the administration agrees with the need to explore new and innovative methods for deterring crime among New Mexico children, we believe this legislation is an unnecessary step toward these worthy objectives. The intent of this unfunded legislation can be carried forward by the parties referenced in House Bill 969. This administration will continue to work on this important issue with the legislative committees cited in this bill.

H 1004 MCKINLEY MAGISTRATE COURT

April 8, 1997

HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 32

I have this day VETOED and am returning HOUSE BILL 1004 enacted by the Forty-Third Legislature, First Session, 1997.

This legislation would eliminate the requirement that one of the three McKinley County Magistrate Judges hold court proceedings in Thoreau and would center all magistrate activities in the City of Gallup.

Moving the court from Thoreau to the City of Gallup would place an undue burden on those citizens in the community and rural areas who have come to rely on this people's court.

H 1056 LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT REINSTATEMENT

April 10, 1997

HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 54

I have this day VETOED and am returning HOUSE BILL 1056, as amended, enacted by the Forty-Third Legislature, First Session, 1997.

This legislation would allow approximately fifty former legislators the opportunity to retroactively buy back into the Public Employees Retirement Association. These affected former legislators voluntarily settled out of litigation in which the constitutionality of the legislative retirement plan was challenged by Attorney General Hal Stratton. This legislation would allow retroactive