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# CHAPTER 101

## AN ACT

RELATING TO GOVERNMENT RESTRUCTURING; CREATING THE GOVERNMENT  
RESTRUCTURING TASK FORCE; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Section 1. TEMPORARY PROVISION--GOVERNMENT  
RESTRUCTURING TASK FORCE CREATED.--The "government  
restructuring task force" is created. The task force shall  
function from the date of its appointment until December 31,  
2010.

Section 2. TEMPORARY PROVISION--MEMBERSHIP--  
APPOINTMENT--VACANCIES.--

A. The government restructuring task force shall  
be composed of seventeen voting members. Five members of the  
house of representatives shall be appointed by the speaker of  
the house of representatives, and five members of the senate  
shall be appointed by the committees' committee of the senate  
or, if the appointments are made in the interim, by the  
president pro tempore of the senate after consultation with  
and agreement of a majority of the members of the committees'  
committee.

B. Members of the government restructuring task  
force shall be appointed from each house so as to give the two  
major political parties in each house the same proportional  
representation on the task force as prevails in each house.

1 Vacancies on the task force shall be filled by appointment in  
2 the same manner as the original appointments. The chair and  
3 vice chair of the task force shall be elected by the task  
4 force.

5 C. Six public members with expertise in public and  
6 private sector organizational structure and operations shall  
7 be appointed to the task force, three of whom shall be  
8 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and  
9 three of whom shall be appointed by the president pro tempore  
10 of the senate. The public members shall reflect the ethnic,  
11 cultural and geographic diversity of the state.

12 D. The secretary of finance and administration  
13 shall be a member of the task force.

14 E. The task force shall meet at the call of the  
15 chair as necessary to carry out its duties, but no less than  
16 once and no more than twice a month. The first meeting shall  
17 be held no later than April 22, 2010.

18 F. Three absences from meetings of the task force  
19 shall constitute grounds for removal of a member of the task  
20 force. Upon the request of the chair of the task force, the  
21 appointing authority shall replace the member who has failed  
22 to attend three meetings of the task force.

23 G. A majority of the members constitutes a quorum  
24 for the transaction of business. The support of a majority of  
25 the members is required for adoption of any action by the task

1 force; provided, however, that the final report of the task  
2 force, including its recommendations and proposed legislation,  
3 must have the support of a majority of the legislative  
4 members.

5 Section 3. TEMPORARY PROVISION--DUTIES.--

6 A. After its appointment, the government  
7 restructuring task force shall hold one organizational meeting  
8 to develop a work plan and budget for the ensuing interim.

9 B. The government restructuring task force shall  
10 study the current resources of the state's agencies, programs,  
11 services, funding and policies and the public needs served by  
12 them, including the:

13 (1) recommendations of the governor's  
14 committee on government efficiency;

15 (2) need for consolidation of agencies and  
16 elimination or reduction of redundant, duplicative or  
17 overlapping programs or services;

18 (3) current and projected staffing needs of  
19 state agencies for full-time, part-time, term, temporary and  
20 contract employment; and

21 (4) current and projected revenue estimates  
22 for the next three to five fiscal years.

23 C. The government restructuring task force shall  
24 solicit public input.

25 D. The government restructuring task force shall

1 study the recommendations, initiatives and statutory changes  
2 that occurred between 1975 and 1978 in reorganizing state  
3 government.

4 E. The government restructuring task force shall  
5 examine the statutes, constitutional provisions, rules and  
6 court decisions governing state government and reorganization  
7 and recommend legislation or changes.

8 F. The department of finance and administration  
9 and the various agencies of the state shall cooperate with the  
10 task force and provide the task force with information  
11 regarding budget, staffing, organizational structure and other  
12 information as requested by the task force.

13 Section 4. TEMPORARY PROVISION--SUBCOMMITTEES.--

14 Subcommittees shall be created only by majority vote of all  
15 members appointed to the government restructuring task force.  
16 A subcommittee shall be composed of at least one member from  
17 the senate and one member from the house of representatives,  
18 and at least one member of the minority party shall be a  
19 member of the subcommittee. All meetings and expenditures of  
20 a subcommittee shall be approved by the full task force in  
21 advance of such meeting or expenditure, and the approval shall  
22 be shown in the minutes of the task force.

23 Section 5. TEMPORARY PROVISION--REPORT.--The government  
24 restructuring task force shall make a report of its findings  
25 and recommendations for consideration of the governor and the

1 legislature, including presentations to the New Mexico  
2 legislative council, the legislative finance committee and the  
3 legislative education study committee by December 1, 2010. A  
4 final report and proposed legislation shall be made available  
5 to the governor and all legislators by December 31, 2010.

6 Section 6. TEMPORARY PROVISION--STAFF.--The staff for  
7 the government restructuring task force shall be provided by  
8 the legislative council service, the legislative finance  
9 committee, the legislative education study committee and the  
10 department of finance and administration.

11 Section 7. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public  
12 peace, health and safety that this act take effect  
13 immediately. \_\_\_\_\_

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