

American Legion Auxiliary
New Mexico Girls State
2015 Bill/Resolution



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Delegation: _____

Title of Bill: Alternative Solutions for Illegal Drug use and Possession

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An Act

Section 1. Body.

Whereas according to the New Mexico sentencing commission 23.7% of prisoners were admitted for drug related crimes such as: drug possession, drug consumption, drug parole violations, and multiple offense of either or any combination of the previous act. Whereas according to the American Legislative Exchange Council one in 239 f all New Mexican adults are in prison. Whereas a vast majority of the population in jail is in for drug related crimes; whereas there is overcrowding and not necessarily enough room for prisoners who have committed more serious crimes; whereas allowing for more dangerous peple to be let out on the streets as a result of not having a place to put them. Whereas this action not only put citizens in danger by allowing serious criminals to walk among them since they can not be put in a prison but it also deprives the state of people who can be assets to the well being of the state by supplying community service to repay their debts to society after thy've gone through an extensive rehabilitation process.

Be It Enacted By The American Legion Auxiliary New Mexico Girls State 2015

Section 2. Penalty.

- A. A drug rehabilitation system will be put in place and/or expanded in the prisons
- B. All drug related cries will go through this selection of the prison to determine if they are (they, being the prisoner) are deemed no capable, they will be set to spend their sentence in prison.
- C. The rehabilitation system will include a through detox followed by counseling and community service.
- D. Persons who have committed drug related crimes will reside in their own residence, but will be monitored very closely by those who work in the rehabilitation branch.
- E. All drug related crimes are misdemeanor punishable by rehabilitation and parole
- F. If rehabilitation is broken or deemed unsuccessful and/or unlikely to succeed,

25 perpetrator will maintain original prison sentence.

26 G. All Workers in rehabilitation will have extensive background check and must be
27 certified by the state to work.

28 H. Workers in rehabilitation will be paid positions

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30 Section 3. Repeal.

31 All laws, acts, provisions, or parts of laws contained in the Constitution of the State of
32 New Mexico in conflict with any provision of this act are hereby repealed.

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34 Section 4. Effective Date.

35 The provisions of this act shall be effective on and after January 1, 2016.

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