



Senate Bill 12 Attorney General Office for Missing Indigenous Persons

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What SB 12 Does

MMIW Casework Specialists

Ensures effective case management with specialists trained in cultural competency, law enforcement reporting, and missing persons casework.

Closes Loopholes

Closes jurisdictional loopholes between Federal, Tribal, and State law enforcement and prosecution of MMIW cases.

Grant Funding for Reporting Partnerships

Provides grant funding for developing partnerships with Tribal governments and reporting mechanisms for quicker notification of missing persons cases.



land status varies mile to mile affecting response time, investigation and prosecution of MMIW cases. Effectively coordinating investigations between these jurisdictions is necessary for improving outcomes on cases involving missing and murdered indigenous people.

Why SB 12 Is Necessary

Effective Coordination

In New Mexico there are over a hundred law enforcement agencies, over a dozen prosecution entities, and 23 Sovereign Tribes in addition to the State of New Mexico and the Federal government. In some parts of the state,

Disproportionate Impacts

Native American women in New Mexico have the highest rate of homicide among all racial and ethnic groups and are more than twice as likely to be the victim of violent crime under the current system. This has to stop. There must be justice for survivors, victims, and for their relatives.