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AN ACT

RELATING TO UNIVERSITY RESEARCH PARKS; AMENDING THE  
UNIVERSITY RESEARCH PARK AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACT;  
DESIGNATING RESEARCH PARK CORPORATIONS AS PUBLIC EMPLOYERS  
FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE BARGAINING ACT.

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

SECTION 1. Section 21-28-7 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1989,  
Chapter 264, Section 7, as amended) is amended to read:

"21-28-7. LIMITATIONS ON APPLICATION OF LAWS.--

A. A research park corporation shall not be  
deemed an agency, public body or other political subdivision  
of New Mexico, including for purposes of applying statutes  
and laws relating to personnel, procurement of goods and  
services, meetings of the board of directors, gross receipts  
tax, disposition or acquisition of property, capital outlays,  
per diem and mileage and inspection of records.

B. A research park corporation shall be deemed:

(1) an agency or other political subdivision  
of the state for purposes of applying statutes and laws  
relating to the furnishing of goods and services to the  
university that operates it and the risk management fund; and

(2) a public employer for the purposes of  
the Public Employee Bargaining Act if it owns, operates or  
manages a health care facility or employs individuals who

1 work at a health care facility.

2 C. A research park corporation, its officers,  
3 directors and employees shall be granted immunity from  
4 liability for any tort as provided in the Tort Claims Act.  
5 A research park corporation may enter into agreements with  
6 insurance carriers to insure against a loss in connection  
7 with its operations even though the loss may be included  
8 among losses covered by the risk management fund of

9 New Mexico." \_\_\_\_\_

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