SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL 480

57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025

AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS; REQUIRING THE PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO CREATE AN ANNUAL REPORT OF ALL STUDENTS WHO ARE SCHOOL-AGE AND HAVE NOT GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL WITHIN FOUR YEARS FROM ENTERING NINTH GRADE AND TO PROVIDE THE REPORT UPON REQUEST TO CERTAIN RECIPIENTS WHO PROVIDE ADULT EDUCATION OR PROGRAMMING TO ATTAIN A HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY CREDENTIAL.

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

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SECTION 1. A new section of the Public School Code is enacted to read:

"[<u>NEW MATERIAL</u>] ANNUAL REPORT OF ALL OUT-OF-COHORT STUDENTS.--

A. No later than July 15 after each school year, the department shall create a report of the directory information for all out-of-cohort students who were enrolled in a public school in any one of the immediately preceding four school years.

B. Upon request, the department shall provide the report created pursuant to Subsection A of this section to the higher education department, public post-secondary educational institutions, school districts or charter schools **Hf11➡️, the legislative education study committee, the legislative finance committee⬅️Hf11** and New Mexico-based adult basic education providers or workforce development programs that provide programming for out-of-cohort students attaining a high school diploma, a high school equivalency credential or workforce credentials.

C. As used in this section, "out-of-cohort students" means school-age persons who have not graduated from high school within four years from entering the ninth grade."

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