

PUBLIC SCHOOL-RELATED LEGISLATION
52ND LEGISLATURE, 1ST REGULAR SESSION, 2015

HOUSE BILLS

- *H 1** **FEED BILL [SGND (Jan. 26) Ch. 1 (partial veto) Exec Msg 1]**, *Rep. Gentry* — appropriates funds for the expenses of the legislative session and operating budgets for interim legislative activities, including the Legislative Education Study Committee (LESC).
- H 2** **GENERAL APPROPRIATION ACT OF 2015 [Passed H/Passed S]**, *Rep. Larrañaga*
CS/H 2a — makes appropriations and authorizes expenditures by state agencies for FY 16. **Public School Support and related recurring appropriations:** appropriates approximately \$2.75 billion, including **\$2.5 billion to the State Equalization Guarantee (SEG) Distribution** (commonly referred to as “above the line” funding), which supports enrollment growth with nearly \$5.2 million; employer insurance increases with nearly \$4.4 million; fixed costs with \$5.0 million; a \$34,000 minimum salary for Level 1 teachers with approximately \$6.7 million; and the FY 16 at-risk unit increase with nearly \$12.6 million. **Categorical Public School Support:** appropriates approximately \$130.8 million to support school transportation statewide, and funding for out-of-state tuition, emergency supplemental, dual credit instructional materials, standards-based test costs, the Instructional Material Fund, and the Indian Education Fund. **Recurring appropriations to the Public Education Department (PED):** are supported with an appropriation of approximately \$112.9 million, including the PED budget, the Pre-kindergarten Program in public schools, and K-3 Plus Program. Finally, **special, nonrecurring appropriations to PED** total \$8.75 million, including \$450,000 for the department’s audit costs; \$2.0 million for teacher supplies; \$2.0 million in additional funding for emergency support to districts and charter schools experiencing budget shortfalls; \$3.1 million in additional funding for the purchase of instructional materials; and \$1.2 million for the department’s legal fees. (CS/H 2 & 4) [Related to H 5, S 210, and *S 638]
- H 5** **GENERAL APPROPRIATION ACT OF 2015**, *Rep. JC Hall* — creates the General Appropriation Act of 2015, appropriates funds and authorizes expenditures by state agencies required by law, and includes approximately \$3.07 billion for public school support. [Related to CS/H 2a, S 210, and *S 638]
- H 14** **NMSU SMART & MICRO GRID TECHNOLOGY**, *Rep. McCamley* — appropriates \$250,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of New Mexico State University for expenditure in FY 16 and subsequent years for the Southwest Technology Development Institute to support the development and demonstration of smart grid, micro grid, and renewable energy technology. [Identical to S 209]
- H 15** **LIMIT SCHOOL DAYS FOR STATEWIDE TESTS**, *Rep. McCamley* — amends the Public School Code to limit the total class time that districts and schools may use to administer required statewide student assessments to five days per semester.
- H 19** **CHARTER SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL TECH EQUIPMENT [Passed H]**, *Rep. Gonzales*
CS/H 19 — amends and adds a new section to the Education Technology Equipment Act (ETEA) to make locally chartered and state-chartered charter schools eligible to receive a prorated share of education technology equipment purchased by a school district through a lease-
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purchase arrangement under provisions of the ETEA, expands the definition of education technology equipment, allows local school boards to submit the question of creating debt pursuant to ETEA to local voters, and requires local school boards to abide by the majority vote on the question.

- H 20 RAISE MINIMUM WAGE, *Rep. Varela* — raises the minimum wage to \$10.10 an hour, subject to certain adjustments based on the consumer price index for the western region for urban wage earners and clerical workers, as published by the US Department Labor. (May affect public schools) [Related to H 138, H 360, S 10, S 342, S 350, S 432, and SJR 9]
- *H 29a DUTY TO REPORT CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT [**Passed H**], *Rep. Egolf* — amends the Children’s Code to clarify language describing the duty to report known or suspected child abuse or neglect. [Similar to S 456]
- H 34 SCIENCE, TECH & MATH COACH PROGRAM UNITS, *Rep. McCamley* — creates a new section of the Public School Finance Act to: provide for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics coach program units; provide for a one-time salary differential or stipend for the coaches each year; and appropriates \$660,000 from the General Fund to the State Equalization Guarantee for expenditure in FY 16.
- H 41aa SCHOOL GRADE PROMOTION & RETENTION [**Passed H**], *Rep. Youngblood* — repeals the current remediation and promotion provisions in the Assessment and Accountability Act and creates a new section in the act to allow the retention of kindergarten, first grade, and second grade students who are not proficient in reading at the end of the respective grades; to require the retention of third grade students not proficient in reading; to prohibit any student from being retained more than once between kindergarten and grade 3; to require intensive remediation for retained students in those first four grades; to prescribe screening and intervention schedules for students in those four grades; to require school districts to provide a form for parents of students in grades K-3 to sign if they refuse to allow their students to participate in any prescribed intervention; to require intensive remediation for students who are not academically proficient at the end of grades 4-8; and to provide exemptions for certain students. [Similar to S 66 and S 468]
- H 53aa NO COMPELLED MEDICATION USE FOR STUDENTS [**Passed H/Passed S**], *Rep. Espinoza* — adds a new section to the Public School Code to prohibit school personnel licensed by the Public Education Department from compelling students to use psychotropic medications; and amends a section of the Children’s Code to provide that a parent’s, guardian’s, or custodian’s refusal to consent to administration of a psychotropic medication to a child is not grounds for taking a child into protective custody.
- H 56 CHILD CARE TEACHER RETENTION, *Rep. CH Trujillo* — appropriates \$400,000 from the General Fund to the Children, Youth and Families Department for expenditure in FY 16 to fund an ongoing demonstration project to improve the quality of early childhood education through child-care teacher retention.
- H 59 ENMU STATEWIDE ROBOT WORKSHOPS, *Rep. Smith* — appropriates \$300,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of Eastern New Mexico University for

expenditure in FY 16 to manage and conduct statewide robot workshops and a subsequent international robot competition. [Related to SJM 13 and SM 9]

- H 60 NMSU SCIENCE, TECH & MATH OUTREACH, *Rep. Smith* — appropriates \$475,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of New Mexico State University (NMSU) for expenditure in FY 16 and subsequent fiscal years to support a science, technology, engineering, mathematics entrepreneurship, and diversity outreach and retention program at NMSU.
- *H 63a **NMFA PUBLIC PROJECT REVOLVING FUND PROJECTS [Passed H/Passed S]**, *Rep. Lundstrom* — authorizes the New Mexico Finance Authority to make loans of greater than \$1.0 million for public projects from the Public Project Revolving Fund, and names school districts and charter schools that are eligible for loans for specified purposes, including the Estancia Valley Classical Academy in Torrance County. (May affect public schools)
- H 64 HOME ENERGY & WATER EFFICIENCY TAX CREDIT, *Rep. CA Trujillo/Sen. Wirth* — creates the Home Energy and Water Efficiency Income Tax Credit in the Income Tax Act; allows a refundable tax credit of up to \$4,000 for home energy efficiency improvements and up to \$1,000 for indoor water use efficiency improvements against personal income tax liability applicable to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2015; places an annual aggregate cap of \$1.0 million per year from calendar years 2016 through 2018, and \$2.0 million for calendar years 2019 through 2021, and requires reports from the Taxation and Revenue Department to the Revenue Stabilization and Tax Policy Committee and the Legislative Finance Committee every three years beginning in 2018. (May affect public schools)
- H 66 INVESTMENT IN NM TECH COLLABORATIVE COMPANIES, *Rep. CA Trujillo* — amends a section of the Severance Tax Bonding Act to require that one-fourth percent of the market value of the Severance Tax Permanent Fund be invested by the State Investment Council in companies approved by the Technology Research Collaborative; transfers the fiscal administration of the Technology Research Collaborative from the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology to the Economic Development Department; changes the composition of the board of the Technology Research Collaborative by replacing the governor or the governor's designee, who served as chair of the board, with the Cabinet Secretary of Economic Development, who may only vote in order to break a tie vote, and allows the board to elect its chair. (May affect public schools)
- H 68 FILMMAKING ACADEMY PILOT PROGRAM, *Rep. J. Trujillo* — appropriates \$300,000 from the General Fund to the Higher Education Department for expenditure in FY 16 to develop a filmmaking academy pilot program at Santa Fe Community College.
- H 70 EXTEND SOLAR MARKET DEVELOPMENT TAX CREDIT, *Rep. Stapleton* — extends the sunset date of the Solar Market Development Tax Credit in the Income Tax Act to December 31, 2020 from December 31, 2016. (May affect public schools)
- H 71aa STREAMLINE TEACHER & ADMINISTRATOR LICENSURE [Passed H], *Rep. Lewis* — amends and creates sections of the School Personnel Act to streamline teacher access to

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administrative licensure, and makes an administrator's license a seven-year license.
[Related to FL/H76a, S 91, S 126aa, S 153a, and S 223]

- H 72
CS/H 72 LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE TAX CREDIT, *Rep. CH Trujillo* — creates the Long-Term Care Insurance Tax Credit in the Income Tax Act; applies to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2015, allows a nonrefundable credit against a taxpayer's personal income tax liability, and requires reports from the Taxation and Revenue Department and the Human Services Department to the Revenue Stabilization and Tax Policy Committee and the Legislative Finance Committee every three years beginning in 2020. (May affect public schools)
- H 73 SCHOOL BUS SECURITY & GPS SYSTEMS, *Rep. CH Trujillo* — appropriates \$889,000 from the General Fund to the Public Education Department for expenditure in FY 16 to provide for installation and operation of security and Global Positioning System devices for school buses. (For the LESC)
- H 74 PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION AS INDEPENDENT, *Rep. CH Trujillo* — amends the Public Education Department Act to remove the administrative attachment of the Public Education Commission (PEC) to the Public Education Department; establishes the PEC as an independent entity; provides for PEC rulemaking authority and staff support; grants PEC the authority to make chartering authority decisions to grant, renew, deny, or revoke the charter of a state-chartered charter school; and appropriates \$1.1 million from the General Fund to the PEC for expenditure in FY 16 to carry out the provisions of the act. (For the LESC)
- H 75
CS/H 75a EMPLOYEE PREFERENCE ACT [**Passed H**], *Rep. Roch* — creates the Employee Preference Act, provides for enforcement of and penalties for violation of the act, amends sections of the Public Employee Bargaining Act, prohibits mandatory labor organization membership or payment to a labor organization as a condition of public employment, provides for severability; increases the minimum wage to \$8.00 per hour from \$7.50 per hour, except for trainee employees, who shall be paid a minimum wage of \$7.50 per hour during the training period, but for no longer than six months from the date of hire; and provides a contingent repeal. [Related to S 92, S 93, S 103, S 183, S 472, and S 664]
- H 76a
FL/H 76a TEACHER LICENSURE LEVELS & ADVANCEMENT [**Passed H**], *Rep. Roch* — amends sections of the School Personnel Act; changes the designations for Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3 teachers to associate, professional, and master level teachers, respectively; increases teacher and administrator minimum salaries, and streamlines advancement through the licensure system for the most effective teachers. [Related to H 71a, S 91, S 126aa, S 153a, and S 223]
- H 82 SCHOOL ACADEMIC & ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS, *Rep. CH Trujillo* — appropriates \$2.0 million from the General Fund to the Public Education Department for expenditure in FY 16 and FY 17 for after-school and summer academic and enrichment programs for public school students.
- H 92
CS/H 92 SEVERANCE BONDS FOR TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS, *Rep. Larrañaga* — authorizes the state Board of Finance to issue and sell severance tax bonds for transportation projects up to \$300 million from FY 16 through FY 20, provides for

distribution of the funds to the Department of Transportation (DOT), and appropriates no more than \$60 million of the proceeds from the sale of the severance tax bonds to DOT in any one fiscal year.

- H 94 U.S. DEPT. OF DEFENSE ENERGY GROSS RECEIPTS, *Rep. Larrañaga* — provides a deduction in the Gross Receipts and Compensating Tax Act for the sale of goods and services to the US Department of Defense related to directed energy or satellites during the period from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2025, and requires annual reports from the Taxation and Revenue Department to the Revenue Stabilization and Tax Policy Committee and the Legislative Finance Committee beginning in 2022. (May affect public schools) [Identical to S 502]
- H 96 NM GROWN PRODUCE FOR SCHOOL MEALS, *Rep. JC Hall* — appropriates \$1.44 million from the General Fund to the Public Education Department for expenditure in FY 16 and subsequent years for the purchase and distribution of New Mexico-grown fresh fruits and vegetables to school districts, charter schools, and juvenile detention centers. (For the Economic and Rural Development Committee) [Related to H 231, S 237, and S 415]
- H 107 NM JUNIOR COLLEGE LICENSE PLATE [Passed H/Passed S]**, *Rep. DM Gallegos* — creates a new section of the Motor Vehicle Code to create a special New Mexico Junior College (NMJC) license plate, and appropriates a portion of the additional fee to the Higher Education Department to support education and instruction programs at NMJC.
- H 110 NEW TAX BRACKET & INCOME TAX RATES, *Rep. McCamley* — reduces the personal income tax rate for existing tax brackets; creates a new tax bracket for annual income greater than \$45,000 individually or \$90,000 for married taxpayers filing jointly with a marginal rates of 5.9 percent, up from the previous top marginal rate of 4.9 percent, and applies to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2015. (May affect public schools)
- H 113 ENERGY-EFFICIENT HOMES TAX CREDIT, *Rep. Egolf* — creates the Energy-Efficient Home Income Tax Credit in the Income Tax Act; provides a refundable credit of up to \$8,000 against a taxpayer's personal income tax liability for the purchase of a newly constructed energy efficient home or a renovated foreclosed home, and applies to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2015 but not after December 31, 2018. (May affect public schools)
- H 115 STATE ETHICS COMMISSION ACT, *Rep. Egolf* — creates the State Ethics
CS/H 115 Commission Act and the State Ethics Commission; provides for an executive director; provides for annual ethics training and the publication of ethics guides; requires the development of a proposed ethics code; provides for the issuance of advisory opinions; transfers the administration of certain acts to the State Ethics Commission; provides for the filing of complaints against public officers and employees, candidates, government contractors and lobbyists for ethics violations; provides for investigations and hearings, grants subpoena powers, requires confidentiality, prohibits retaliation, and provides penalties.

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- H 117
CS/H 117a NO DRIVING FOR CERTAIN STUDENTS [**Passed H**], *Rep. JC Hall* — amends and creates a section in the Public School Code, and creates a section in the Motor Vehicle Code, to provide for the suspension or denial of driving privileges of school-age persons who are in violation of the Compulsory School Attendance Law; and requires annual reporting to the Governor, the LESC, and the Legislative Finance Committee beginning November 15, 2017.
- H 118a FAMILY IN NEED OF COURT-ORDERED SERVICES [**Passed H**], *Rep. Fajardo* — amends the Children’s Code to expand the definition of “family in need of court-ordered services.” (May affect public schools)
- H 121a** **USE OF NURSE EDUCATORS FUND** [**Passed H/Passed S**], *Rep. McMillan* — allows any registered nurse who is or will be a nurse educator to use the Nurse Educators Fund to obtain a higher degree. [Identical to S 341a]
- H 125a COMMUNICATION OF CERTAIN IMAGES TO CHILDREN [**Passed H**], *Rep. Fajardo* — amends a section of the Criminal Code to provide criminal penalties for electronic communication of images of any person’s intimate parts to a child.
- H 129 CLARIFY SCHOOL TEST INDIVIDUAL CHOICE, *Rep. Garcia Richard* — adds a new section to the Public School Code to allow a student’s parents to request a waiver from taking any department-approved assessment that is not factored into the student’s grade point average, sets the parameters that absence of assessment results shall not affect, and stipulates that the student’s absence on test day shall not affect the student’s attendance record. [Identical to S 217]
- H 133
CS/H 133 EXPAND SCOPE OF CERTAIN SEXUAL CRIMES [**Passed H**], *Rep. Clahchischilliage* — amends the Criminal Code to add to the definition of “force or coercion” in certain sexual offenses; expands the scope of criminal sexual penetration; and modifies the scope of criminal sexual contact of a minor. (May affect public schools)
- H 137 REDUCE INCOME TAX & CREATE NEW BRACKETS, *Rep. MP García* — reduces the personal income tax rate for existing tax brackets; creates two new tax brackets for annual income greater than \$125,000 individually or \$250,000 for married taxpayers filing jointly with marginal rates of 6.0 percent and 7.1 percent, up from the previous top marginal rate of 4.9 percent, and applies to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2015. (May affect public schools)
- H 138 INCREASE MINIMUM WAGE, *Rep. MP García* — increases the minimum wage from \$7.50 per hour to \$8.40 per hour in calendar year 2016, \$9.20 per hour in calendar year 2017, and \$10.10 per hour in calendar year 2018; and provides that the minimum wage shall be increased for cost of living based on the consumer price index. [Related to H 20, H 360, S 10, S 342, S 350, S 432, and SJR 9]
- H 140
CS/H 140a PRIVATE SCHOOL STUDENT ACTIVITIES UNIT [**Passed H**], *Rep. Strickler* — amends the Public School Finance Act to establish a program unit for private school student activities for private schools that are not members of the New Mexico Activities Association with an enrollment of less than 350 students. [Similar to CS/S 102]

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- TEACHER & SCHOOL LEADER EFFECTIVENESS ACT [**Passed H**], *Rep. Smith/Sen. Rue* — adds new sections to the Public School Code and amends the School Personnel Act to create the Teacher and School Leader Effectiveness Act; provides for effectiveness evaluations for teachers and school leaders; provides for systems, procedures, criteria, and monitoring; provides assessment components; requires post-evaluation actions; and requires superintendents to adopt policies, guidelines, and procedures for the performance evaluation of licensed school employees who are not teachers or school principals.
- H 145
- GRADUATION STANDARDS TO SCHOOL BOARDS, *Rep. Stapleton* — amends the Public School Code to transfer the responsibility of determining student competence standards for graduating with a New Mexico Diploma of Excellence to local school boards and governing bodies of charter schools.
- H 146aa
- INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL DEFINITIONS & CHANGES** [**Passed H/Passed S**], *Rep. Stapleton* — amends the Instructional Material Law to broaden the definition of “instructional material” excluding electronic devices and hardware, amends the timing for allocation of funds, and eliminates the provision requiring textbooks for each student. [Similar to S 225]
- H 156a
- INNOVATIONS IN TEACHING ACT** [**Passed H/Passed S**], *Rep. McCamley* — adds new sections to the Public School Code to create the Innovations in Teaching Act; creates the Innovations in Teaching Program; provides powers and duties; encourages teachers to implement innovative pedagogical approaches and strategies in their classrooms; grants a waiver to participating teachers and their public schools from the use of the results of standards-based assessments in their teacher evaluations for two years; and provides for an application, reporting, and evaluation process.
- H 158
- GROSS RECEIPTS RATE & DEDUCTIONS, *Rep. McCamley* — reduces the gross receipts tax (GRT) rate by 0.1 percent, from 5.125 percent to 5.025 percent; repeals several deductions and exemptions from the Gross Receipts and Compensating Tax Act, including exemptions for stadium surcharges, the sale or use of space fuel, racetrack purses, deductions for software development services, sales to state-chartered credit unions, publication and newspaper sales, certain receipts of hospitals, sales to film production companies, and the GRT sales tax holiday. (May affect public schools)
- H 159
- SCIENCE, TECH, & MATH COACH PROGRAM UNIT, *Rep. McCamley* — creates a new section of the Public School Finance Act to provide for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics coach program units; provides for a one-time salary differential or stipend for participating coaches each year; and appropriates \$660,000 from the General Fund to the State Equalization Guarantee for expenditure in FY 17 to provide the salary differentials or stipends.
- H 162
- FED REVENUE DEDUCTION FOR SOME SCHOOLS, *Rep. Alcon* — amends the Public School Finance Act to modify federal revenue deductions from State Equalization Guarantee distributions for certain school districts located entirely within the boundaries of federally recognized Indian reservations or pueblo lands.

- H 163aa SCHOOL USE OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS [**Passed H**], *Rep. Roch* — amends the Public School Code to exclude the collection and distribution of social security numbers in the educational data system effective July 1, 2016. (For the LESC)
- H 164a **SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION INFO REPORTING** [**Passed H/Passed S**], *Rep. Roch* — amends the Public School Finance Act to change the reporting dates for school transportation funding of school districts and state-chartered charter schools to the second and third reporting dates of the prior year, and changes the distribution of allocations based on new reporting dates. (For the LESC)
- H 165 **REMOVE AYP REFERENCES IN SCHOOL CODE** [**Passed H/Passed S**], *Rep. Roch* — amends and repeals sections of the Public School Code to remove references to “Adequate Yearly Progress,” and makes technical changes. (For the LESC)
- H 166 CHARTER SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENTS, *Rep. Roch* — amends the Public School Code to require charter schools to establish transportation agreements with the school districts to transport charter school students if they wish to provide transportation services. (For the LESC)
- H 170 **HIGHER EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FUND CHANGES** [**Passed H/Passed S**],
CS/H 170a *Rep. Larrañaga* — changes the distribution process and use of the Higher Education Endowment Fund, creates the Higher Education Endowment Committee, and prescribes powers and duties.
- H 173 ADDITIONAL FUNDING FORMULA UNITS, *Rep. Varela/Sen. Sapien* — amends the Public School Finance Act to provide a phase-in of additional operational funding formula units for the at-risk index for qualifying school districts. (For the Legislative Finance Committee)
- H 174a **AMBER ALERTS TO PAGERS & CELL PHONES** [**Passed H/Passed S**],
Rep. Maestas Barnes — amends the Cellular Telephone Services Act to require all commercial mobile radio service providers operating in the state, upon receipt of notification of an Amber Alert, to send wireless emergency alerts, including amber alerts to customers who are in the geographic area where an alert has been issued; and provides definitions.
- H 176 LIMIT SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS, *Rep. Stapleton* — creates a new section in the Public School Code to limit assessments to those required pursuant to federal accountability standards or those approved by local school boards or charter school governing bodies.
- H 177 COMMON CORE IMPLEMENTATION STANDARDS, *Rep. Stapleton* — adds multiple sections in the Public School Code to create standards for the implementation of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS), the Partnership for the Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) assessment, and the Smarter Balanced assessment; and places a three-year moratorium on the use of the PARCC assessment or the Smarter Balanced assessment as a graduation requirement and for the purposes of the promotion policies in the Assessment and Accountability Act, the A-B-C-D-F Schools Rating Act, and the School Personnel Act. [Related to S 570]

- H 178a** **CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION COURSES & TERMS [Passed H/Passed S]**, *Rep. Stapleton* — amends the Public School Code to allow students to receive credit for certain career technical education courses as electives, defines certain career technical education terms, and allows districts to choose whether students who successfully complete an industry-recognized credential, certificate, or degree may receive additional weight in the calculation of their grade point average. [Similar to S 496]
- H 179 **SEVERANCE FUND INVESTMENT IN RENEWABLE ENERGY**, *Rep. Stapleton* — requires the investment of 1.0 percent of the Severance Tax Permanent Fund in renewable energy. (May affect public schools)
- H 181a **ADJUNCT INSTRUCTORS ACT [Passed H]**, *Rep. James* — adds a new section to the Public School Code to create the Adjunct Instructors Act, provides provisions for adjunct instructor certification, requires background checks, exempts adjunct instructors from the School Personnel Act, and provides that a local school board shall not have more than 20 percent of any school’s classes taught by adjunct instructors. [Related to S 228]
- H 187 **PUBLIC EDUCATION NEPOTISM RULE WAIVER**, *Rep. McQueen* — amends the Public School Code to allow the Public Education Department to waive the nepotism rule for family of local school board members if the family member is qualified for the position and there is other good cause.
- H 194 **NMSU AG EXPERIMENT STATION & COOP EXTENSION**, *Rep. Nuñez* — appropriates \$605,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of New Mexico State University for expenditure in FY 16 and subsequent fiscal years to support statewide operations of the Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service.
- H 200 **LIVE HORSE RACING GAMING TAX CREDIT**, *Rep. Ezzell* — creates the Live Horse Race Gaming Tax Credit against the gaming tax of either \$7,500 or \$12,500 for each day live horse races are conducted at a licensed horse racing premises effective January 1, 2016; caps individual live horse race gaming tax credits at 75 percent of the taxpayers’ gaming tax liability and aggregate live horse race gaming tax credits at \$3.0 million per year; and requires annual reports from the Taxation and Revenue Department with assistance from the State Racing Commission to the Revenue Stabilization and Tax Policy Committee and the Legislative Finance Committee beginning in 2017. (May affect public schools) [Identical to S 240]
- H 210 **POLLUTION CONTROL EQUIPMENT GROSS RECEIPTS**, *Rep. James* — provides an exemption from gross receipts tax for the sale of pollution-control equipment. (May affect public schools)
- H 223 **AT-RISK FAMILY SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROJECT**, *Rep. Madalena* — appropriates \$900,000 from the General Fund to the Children, Youth and Families Department for expenditure in FY 16 to fund a supportive housing pilot project to provide permanent housing and supportive services for at-risk families and children.
- H 229 **COMBAT VETERAN INCOME TAX DEDUCTION**, *Rep. CA Trujillo* — allows a taxpayer who is a combat veteran to deduct 100 percent of the combat veteran’s income from net income, and requires annual reports from the Taxation and Revenue Department

to the Revenue Stabilization and Tax Policy Committee and the Legislative Finance Committee. (May affect public schools)

- H 230a **TECH JOBS & RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT TAX CREDIT**, *Rep. CA Trujillo* — amends the Technology Jobs Tax Credit Act to incorporate provisions from the existing Research and Development Small Business Tax Credit Act, repeals the Research and Development Small Business Tax Credit Act, changes the definition of “annual payroll expense” and “base payroll expense,” and allows that taxpayers claiming an additional credit under the Technology Jobs and Research and Development Tax Credit Act may receive a refund. (May affect public schools)
- H 231 **EXPAND NM-GROWN PRODUCE IN SCHOOL LUNCHES**, *Rep. DY Gallegos* — appropriates \$160,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of New Mexico State University for FY 16 and subsequent fiscal years for the Department of Agriculture to expand its program providing locally grown produce for public school lunch programs to school districts in north-central and south-central New Mexico in areas with farmer training programs. [Related to H 96, S 237, and S 415]
- H 236aa INCREASE SEVERANCE TAX PERMANENT FUND INFLOWS [Passed H/ Passed S]**, *Rep. Harper/Sen. Cisneros* — amends a section of the Severance Tax Bonding Act to reduce the percentage of prior year or estimated current year annual deposits into the Severance Tax Bonding Fund that may be used to service debt for severance tax bonds and supplemental severance tax bonds from 50 percent to 46.4 percent and from 45 percent to 39.4 percent, respectively, over four years; and adjusts the percentages of severance tax bonding capacity allocated for tribal infrastructure projects and colonias infrastructure projects. (May affect public schools)
- H 237 **CHILD PROTECTION REGISTRY ACT**, *Rep. Herrell/Sen. Candelaria* — creates the Child Protection Registry Act, whose purpose is to prohibit communications to minors that advertise a product or service that a minor is prohibited from purchasing or that contain materials harmful to minors; creates the Child Protection Registry Fund; requires the Attorney General to establish a child protection registry of “contact points,” or means of communicating with a child, as well as a fee-based mechanism for persons desiring to send a communication to verify compliance with the Child Protection Registry Act; provides criminal and civil penalties; and provides exceptions. (May affect public schools)
- H 239 **REPEAL CAPITAL GAINS FROM NET INCOME**, *Rep. CH Trujillo* — repeals the deduction in the Income Tax Act of 50 percent of capital gains from net income. (May affect public schools)
- H 246 **SMALL BUSINESS & RESTAURANT GROSS RECEIPTS**, *Rep. Adkins* — creates a deduction from gross receipts tax for the sales of tangible personal property and food on the first Saturday after Thanksgiving Day of restaurants with gross annual revenue less than \$1.0 million. (May affect public schools)
- H 249 **16-YEAR-OLDS VOTING IN SCHOOL ELECTIONS**, *Rep. J. Martinez* — adds a new section to the Election Code to require a special registration form to allow 16-year-olds to vote in school elections.

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- H 252 POST-SECONDARY SCHOOL VOTER REGISTRATION, *Rep. Steinborn* — amends the Election Code to require that voter registration be made available at all public postsecondary educational institutions.
- H 253a CHARTER SCHOOL FACILITY 4 YEAR PLANS [**Passed H**], *Rep. Espinoza* — amends the Charter Schools Act to allow charter schools to follow a four-year plan to meet the requirements to be housed in a public building on or after July 1, 2015.
- H 256 NM TECH SUPERCOMPUTING CHALLENGE PROGRAM, *Rep. CA Trujillo* — appropriates \$90,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology for expenditure in FY 16 and subsequent years to support the Supercomputing Challenge Program.
- H 257 ELECTION CONTRIBUTIONS BY CERTAIN CONTRACTORS, *Rep. MP García* — creates a new section of the Campaign Reporting Act to prohibit certain contributions by the principals of state contractors and prospective state contractors for contracts of \$60,000 or more.
- H 259a CERTAIN PHYSICIAN SERVICES GROSS RECEIPTS, *Rep. J. Trujillo* — expands the type of receipts allowed under a current deduction from gross receipts tax for certain services by a healthcare practitioner to include deductibles for commercial contract services paid by an insured individual, removes a restriction that the deduction may not be claimed on receipts from payments by a managed care organization for commercial contract or Medicare Part C services that may be deducted pursuant to other provisions of the Gross Receipts and Compensating Tax Act, and provides for a delayed repeal. (May affect public schools)
- H 260 SANTA FE COMMUNITY COLLEGE HIGHER ED CENTER, *Rep. Varela* — appropriates \$125,000 from the General Fund to the Higher Education Department for expenditure in FY 16 to create a 2+2 degree program in Hospitality at Santa Fe Community College Higher Education Center.
- H 261 ANGEL INVESTMENT CREDIT MINIMUM INVESTMENTS, *Rep. Powdrell-Culbert* — amends the Angel Investment Tax Credit to clarify the number of investments made by a taxpayer that may qualify for the credit, increases the aggregate annual cap on credits from \$750,000 per year to \$2.0 million per year, increases the carry forward of unused credits from three years to five years, and extends the sunset date of the credit from 2016 to 2025. (May affect public schools) [Identical to S 413]
- H 262 GAS TAX & ROAD PROJECTS, *Rep. Lundstrom/Sen. Cisneros* — reduces distributions of gasoline tax receipts to the State Aviation Fund, the Motorboat Fuel Tax Fund, county and municipality road funds, the County Government Road Fund, and the municipal arterial program of the Local Governments Road Fund; increases the distribution of special fuel excise tax receipts from 9.52 percent to 17.39 percent and creates a distribution of 10.53 percent of gasoline tax receipts to the Local Governments Road Fund; increases the gasoline tax from \$0.17 per gallon to \$0.19 per gallon in FY 16, and indexes the tax rate to inflation beginning in FY 17; increases the motor vehicle excise tax rate from 3.0 percent to 4.0 percent and distributes 25 percent of motor vehicle excise tax receipts to the State Road Fund beginning in FY 19; increases the gasoline tax from \$0.21 per gallon to \$0.23

per gallon in FY 16, and indexes the tax rate to inflation beginning in FY 17; reduces the capacity for supplemental severance tax bonds dedicated to public schools from up to 45 percent of total bonding capacity to approximately 34.5 percent of total bonding capacity from FY 16 through FY 20; reduces the total bonding capacity for severance tax bonds and supplemental severance tax bonds to the amount serviceable with 90 percent, down from 95 percent, of prior year or estimated current year deposits into the Severance Tax Bonding Fund beginning in FY 21; authorizes 10 percent of severance tax bonding capacity or \$585.5 million, whichever is less, for the issuance of severance tax bonds appropriated for use by the state Department of Transportation in specified projects for FY 15 through FY 19; and authorizes up to 11.1 percent of the amount of supplemental severance tax bonds that may be issued, appropriated to the Department of Transportation, and distributed to local governments for transportation projects. (May affect public schools)

- *H 264 BALANCED BUDGET COMPACT, *Rep. Herrell* — creates the Compact for a Balanced Budget, authorizing the State’s participation in a constitutional convention to amend the constitution of the United States to require that Congress adhere to a balanced budget. (May affect public schools)
- H 267 ABQ SCHOOL BLACK STUDENT UNION PROGRAM, *Rep. Stapleton* — appropriates \$30,000 from the General Fund to the Public Education Department for expenditure in FY 16 to fund the Black Student Union Program in the Albuquerque Public Schools.
- H 271a CYFD & PED INFORMATION SHARING [**Passed H**], *Rep. Chasey* — adds a new section to the Public School Code that requires the Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) and the Public Education Department (PED) to establish procedures for sharing data and reporting outcomes for students in the state’s legal custody, requires CYFD to provide PED with a monthly list of students in the state’s legal custody, requires PED to issue an annual report on the aggregated educational status of those students, and requires PED to establish rules and policies on how school districts will share student information and educational records with CYFD.
- H 278 CAMPAIGN FINANCE DISCLOSURE, *Rep. Smith/Sen. Wirth* — amends, repeals, and adds new sections of the Election Code to require reporting of independent expenditures; redefines “political committee,” defines “advertisement,” “ballot measure,” “campaign expenditure,” “coordinated expenditure,” “independent expenditure,” and other terms; adjusts contribution and expenditure reporting requirements, limits, and thresholds; changes penalties; and provides penalties. (May affect public school boards) [Related to S 384]
- CS/H 278
- H 279 REDUCE CORPORATE INCOME TAX RATE, *Rep. Strickler* — reduces the top marginal corporate income tax rate for taxable year 2017 to 5.4 percent from 6.2 percent, and for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2018 to 4.9 percent from 5.9 percent. (May affect public schools)
- H 280 NMHU NATIVE AMERICAN SOCIAL WORK STUDIES, *Rep. Madalena* — appropriates \$120,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of New Mexico Highlands University for expenditure in FY 16 to create the Native American Social Work Studies Institute at the Albuquerque campus of the university.

- H 281 CHILD CARE LICENSURE RECOGNITION, *Rep. Espinoza* — amends the Children, Youth and Families Department Act to develop reimbursement criteria for licensed child-care centers and licensed home care providers requiring that accreditation standards for national accrediting bodies be approved by at least three other state governments. [Related to S 668a]
- H 282 **HIGHER ED COMMON COURSE NAMING & NUMBERING [Passed H/Passed S]**, *Rep. Montoya* — amends the Post-Secondary Education Articulation Act requiring the Higher Education Department to establish a common course naming and numbering system for lower-division courses by August 1, 2017.
- H 283 UNM MANUFACTURING ENGINEERING PROGRAM, *Rep. Harper* — appropriates \$200,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico for expenditure in FY 16 to provide faculty, staff, and support to the Manufacturing Engineering Program.
- H 285 AUDITOR RULES FOR EDUCATION POLICIES, *Rep. CH Trujillo* — amends the Audit Act requiring the State Auditor to adopt and promulgate rules for the conduct of audits of teacher evaluations, merit pay, and school ratings of the A-B-C-D-F Schools Rating Act carried by the Public Education Department (PED) or public schools; and requires PED to provide any information requested by the State Auditor.
- H 286 SINGLE SALES FACTOR FOR CORPORATE INCOME, *Rep. James* — allows for apportionment of business income for the purposes of corporate income tax based solely on the ratio of sales within the state to total sales within and outside of the state for taxpayers whose principal business activity in the state is a headquarters operation. (May affect public schools)
- H 293 INCREASE WORKING FAMILIES TAX CREDIT, *Rep. Maez* — amends the Working Families Tax Credit against personal income tax from 10 percent to 15 percent of the corresponding federal income tax credit over two years. (May affect public schools) [Identical to S 261]
- H 295 INFORMATION ON NOMINATING PETITIONS, *Rep. Steinborn* — creates a new section of the Election Code to require nominating petitions and other election-related petitions to include the name, address, and signature of the circulator; and a declaration by the circulator to certify truth and correctness. (May affect public school boards)
- H 296a **SOLAR ENERGY INSTALLATION LEASE TAX CREDIT [Passed H/Passed S]**, *Rep. Maestas Barnes* — amends the Solar Market Development Tax Credit to allow solar energy equipment leases on systems which are new and unused by a prior lessee to qualify for the tax credit. (May affect public schools)
- H 298 IN-STATE EDUCATIONAL COMPANIES & SERVICES, *Rep. CH Trujillo* — amends the Public School Code to require the Public Education Department (PED) to actively seek in-state educational consultants, testing companies, and other providers of educational goods and services when purchasing or contracting for such goods or services; eliminates sole source contracting with testing companies; requires PED to post all proposals and contracts on the department's website; and limits certain contract provisions.

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- H 301a **OUTDOOR WATER CONSERVATION GROSS RECEIPTS**, *Rep. Maestas Barnes* — creates a deduction from gross receipts tax for the sale of water conservation products for outdoor residential properties occurring between March 1 through March 8.
- H 302 **UNIFORMED SERVICE RETIREE TAX DEDUCTION**, *Rep. Adkins* — allows a taxpayer who is a uniformed services retiree or the retiree’s surviving spouse to deduct military retirement income up to \$50,000 from net income and requires annual reports from the Taxation and Revenue Department to the Revenue Stabilization and Tax Policy Committee and the Legislative Finance Committee. (May affect public schools)
[Similar to S 316aa]
- H 304 **STATEWIDE BROADBAND IMPLEMENTATION**, *Rep. K. Martinez/Sen. Papen* — appropriates \$300,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Information Technology for expenditure in FY 16 to support the implementation of a statewide broadband system.
- H 308a **SCHOOL WORKFORCE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM**, *Rep. K. Martinez/Sen. Papen* — appropriates \$35,000 from the General Fund to the Workforce Solutions Department for expenditure in FY 16 to implement in New Mexico a nationwide work-oriented reading and mathematics assessment system to supplement the high school reading and mathematics exit examination for certain high school students. [Related to CS/S 390]
- H 309 **JOB TRAINING**, *Rep. K. Martinez/Sen. Papen* — appropriates \$12.0 million from the General Fund to the Development Training Fund for expenditure in FY 16 and subsequent fiscal years for a development training program for certain industries and businesses.
- *H 310 **SCIENCE EARLY EDUCATION PROGRAM [Passed H]**, *Rep. K. Martinez/Sen. Papen*
*CS/H 310 — adds new section to the Public School Code to create the Science Early Education Program as a five-year pilot project to enhance students’ academic performance in science and mathematics in up to 10 qualifying public schools selected by the Public Education Department (PED); requires PED to administer the program and establish reporting and evaluation requirements for the Governor and Legislature; requires approved schools to provide 50 percent of the funding for the program; creates the Science Early Education Fund; and appropriates money in the fund to PED to carry out the provisions of the program.
- *H 315 **AUDIT RESOURCES FOR STUDENT ASSESSMENTS**, *Rep. K. Martinez* — adds a new section to the Assessment and Accountability Act to require the Public Education Department (PED) to conduct an audit of all resources used in school year 2015-2016 on all national, state, and school district student assessments; outlines the data to be audited, and requires PED to make recommendations on how to make the assessments cost effective, time efficient, more supportive of teaching and learning, better aligned with the curriculum, and more focused on student and teacher growth. [Identical to *S 457]
- H 318a **EDUCATION COUNSELOR SALARY ELIGIBILITY [Passed H/Passed S]**,
Rep. Pacheco — amends the School Personnel Act to include counselors in the Level 3-A licensure salary structure.

- H 319a SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION BOUNDARY AGREEMENTS [**Passed H**], *Rep. Johnson* — adds a new section to the Public School Code to provide for temporary transportation boundary agreements between and among adjacent school districts, establishes procedures and criteria for temporary transportation boundary agreements, excludes students who attend out-of-district schools by choice from the transportation distribution, and creates a resolution process for boundary disputes. [Identical to S 416a]
- H 325 REMOVE SOME TV SHOWS FROM FILM TAX CREDIT CAP, *Rep. Egolf* — amends the film production tax credit so that credits for television series productions do not count against the \$50.0 million aggregate annual cap on credits. (May affect public schools)
- H 329 VOCATIONAL ED CURRICULA DEVELOPMENT, *Rep. Lundstrom* — adds a new section of law pertaining to higher education to require the Higher Education Department to create and maintain a website or other means to provide development and implementation details for vocational education curricula developed with public money by postsecondary educational institutions for use by other postsecondary educational institutions.
- H 333 EQUAL OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP & TAX CREDITS [**Passed H**], *Rep. Strickler*
CS/H 333 — creates the Equal Opportunity Scholarship Act to be administered by the Public Education Department, provides for tuition scholarship organizations to grant educational scholarships to low-income students to attend a New Mexico public or nonpublic elementary, middle, or secondary school; and allows income tax and corporate income tax credits up to \$5.0 million for contributions to tuition scholarship organizations that provide educational scholarships of the student's parents' choice.
- H 334 ENMU NURSING PROGRAM, *Rep. Wooley* — appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of Eastern New Mexico University (ENMU) for expenditure in FY 16 for student scholarship support and faculty development for the Bachelor of Science in nursing program at ENMU.
- H 337 RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE TAX CREDIT, *Rep. Strickler* — creates a nonrefundable credit of up to \$1.0 million per qualified rural infrastructure project investment against personal or corporate income tax that may be carried forward for up to 10 years, with a maximum aggregate annual cap of \$10.0 million in credits. (May affect public schools)
- H 338 CHANGE CERTAIN ELECTION DATES [**Passed H**], *Rep. Bandy* — amends School Election Law to change certain special district and political subdivision election dates, including school district elections, to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in odd-numbered years and makes corresponding adjustments to election procedures.
CS/H 338
- H 340 CHANGE CERTAIN VOTER ID REQUIREMENTS [**Passed H**], *Rep. Brown* — adds a new section to the Election Code and amends multiple sections of state law to change voter identification requirements for those voting in person or by mail, provides for issuance of identification cards without charge, provides for reimbursement of the costs of issuing identification cards, and changes the procedures for the issuance of temporary licenses. (May affect public school boards)
CS/H 340

- H 345 GOV'T LITERACY AS ELECTIVE & DUAL CREDIT [**Passed H**], *Rep. Garcia Richard* — amends the laws pertaining to higher education institutions to require the Higher Education Department and the Public Education Department to offer an interactive government literacy course as an elective in the Dual Credit Program. [Identical to S 445]
- H 351 UNREIMBURSED MEDICAL EXPENSE TAX DEDUCTION [**Passed H**], *Rep. McMillan* — provides a deduction of up to 25 percent of the cost of unreimbursed or uncompensated medical care expenses from net income for the calculation of personal income tax. (May affect public schools)
- H 352 CHARTER SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY ASSISTANCE, *Rep. Espinoza* — amends the Public School Capital Outlay Act to allow certain charter schools to receive funding from the Public School Capital Outlay Fund for a lump-sum down payment of not more than 25 percent of the total cost to build or lease classroom facilities.
- H 353 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE SALARY INCREASE, *Rep. Varela* — appropriates \$14,500,600 from the General Fund to the Department of Finance and Administration for expenditure in FY 16 to provide a 2.0 percent salary increase to certain public employees in budgeted positions who have completed their probationary period subject to satisfactory job performance. (May affect public schools)
- H 358 SMALL BUSINESS INCOME TAX DEDUCTION, *Rep. Maestas Barnes* — allows a limited deduction from up to \$350,000 of business income in the calculation of personal income tax. (May affect public schools)
- H 360 INCREASE MINIMUM WAGE & ANNUAL INCREASES, *Rep. Roybal Caballero* — increases the minimum wage to \$10 per hour from \$7.50 per hour in calendar year 2016, \$12.50 per hour in calendar year 2017, and \$15 per hour in calendar year 2018; and thereafter provides that the minimum wage shall be increased for cost of living based on the consumer price index. [Related to H 20, H 138, S 10, S 342, S 350, S 432, and SJR 9]
- H 361 CHILD ABANDONMENT & RECKLESS ABUSE, *Rep. Maestas* — amends and adds multiple sections of the Criminal Code to clarify the elements of abandonment of a child, reckless abuse of a child and intentional abuse of a child; requires counseling and parenting education upon a conviction of reckless abuse of a child or intentional abuse of a child; provides that abandonment of a child is a lesser included offense of reckless abuse of a child or intentional abuse of a child by endangerment; and adjusts penalties.
- H 368 VENDING MACHINE FOOD GROSS RECEIPTS, *Rep. Crowder* — creates a new section of the Gross Receipts and Compensating Tax Act to exempt the sale of food from vending machines from gross receipts tax for certain taxpayers. (May affect public schools)
- H 372 DEDUCTIONS AS TAX “NET INCOME,” *Rep. Little* — amends the Income Tax Act to allow state and local income and sales taxes to be deducted in the calculation of net income for state personal income tax. (May affect public schools)
- H 373 ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER TEACHER PREP ACT, *Rep. J. Martinez* — adds multiple new sections of law pertaining to higher education to create the English Language

Learners Teacher Preparation Act; provides powers and duties; provides for applicant qualifications; provides for fellowships, and allows for repayment through service for fellowship stipends; requires the Higher Education Department (HED), in consultation with the Public Education Department (PED), to conduct and publish a biennial survey of all postsecondary educational institutions that offer courses, certificates, or degrees in education, and issue a report; requires each of the institutions to submit an annual plan to HED and PED to meet the needs of the state's culturally and linguistically diverse student population; creates the English Language Learners Teacher Preparation Fund, and appropriates \$750,000 from the General Fund to the English Language Learners Teacher Preparation Fund for expenditure in FY 16 and subsequent fiscal years to provide grants pursuant to the provisions of the act. [Identical to S 470]

- H 375 BRANCH COLLEGES IN TUITION SCHOLARSHIP, *Rep. Nuñez* — amends the Legislative Lottery Tuition Scholarship Act to define and distinguish branch community colleges as public postsecondary institutions for determining distribution and award amounts for the tuition scholarship program.
- H 378a REQUIRE ORAL PUBLIC COMMENT AT MEETINGS, *Rep. Smith/Sen. Ivey-Soto* — amends the Open Meetings Act to require an opportunity for oral public comment at a public meeting on matters within the authority of the public body.
- H 382 SOME DEBT QUESTIONS TO SCHOOL DISTRICT VOTERS, *Rep. Egolf* — amends multiple sections of the Education Technology Equipment Act to allow school boards to submit the question of debt for education technology equipment to the voters of the school district.
- H 391 PARENTAL NOTIFICATION OF ABORTION ACT [**Passed H**], *Rep. Baldonado*— adds CS/H 391aa and amends sections of law to create the Parental Notification of Abortion Act; requires notification to a parent or guardian when an abortion is to be performed on a minor; creates exceptions to notification, including the preservation of the life or physical health of the pregnant female; requires reporting; establishes penalties, and repeals the criminal abortion statute. (May affect public schools)
- H 392 AUDIO & VIDEO STREAM OF PUBLIC BODY MEETINGS, *Rep. Fajardo* — amends CS/H 392 the Open Meetings Act to require beginning January 1, 2016 live video and audio transmission via the Internet of meetings of public entities conducting public business with certain exceptions, including legislative committees; requires the web address to be included in the public notice; requires website access to be free; and requires copies of transmissions to be retained as public records. (May affect public school boards)
- H 394 MINORITY MATH & SCIENCE ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM, *Rep. Herrell* — appropriates \$50,000 from the General Fund to the Higher Education Department for expenditure in FY 16 for the minority Mathematics, Engineering and Science Achievement program.
- H 399aa JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICER CORPS TEACHER LICENSES [**Passed H**], *Rep. Ruiloba* — creates a new section of the School Personnel Act to provide for alternative licensure for Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps instructors.

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- H 400 PROGRAM UNITS FOR CERTAIN SCHOOL EMPLOYEES, *Rep. Romero* — amends the Public School Finance Act to provide for program units for licensed school employees certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, beginning with school year 2016-2017 and subsequent school years.
- H 401 COLLEGE AFFORDABILITY ENDOWMENT FUND, *Rep. Romero* — appropriates \$1.0 million from the General Fund to the College Affordability Endowment Fund for expenditure in FY 16 and subsequent fiscal years to carry out the purposes of the fund. [Identical to S 488]
- H 403aa PUBLIC EMPLOYEE LEAVE DONATION POLICIES [Passed H/Passed S],**
Rep. James — creates a new section of law to provide for public employers to implement a leave donation policy, to include sick or annual leave, for employees with medical emergencies. (May affect public schools)
- H 405 SAME-DAY VOTER REGISTRATION, *Rep. McCamley/Sen. Candelaria* — amends and creates a new section of the Election Code to provide for voter registration at polling places and at early voting sites on election day.
- H 406 ESTATE OR TRUST DISTRIBUTION TAX DEDUCTION, *Rep. J. Trujillo* — creates a new section of the Income Tax Act to provide a deduction from the net income of estates or trusts for the purposes of calculating income tax due in an amount equal to the permanent distributions made from the estate or trust to nonresident individuals. (May affect public schools)
- H 417 SIZE ADJUSTMENT FACTOR FOR CERTAIN SCHOOLS, *Rep. Johnson* — amends the Public School Finance Act to provide additional program units for school districts with one or more large high schools in an urban area and have at least five high schools located 20 or more miles from the district's central administrative office in rural areas. [Identical to S 500]
- H 418 CYFD REFERRALS FOR RUNAWAY CHILDREN, *Rep. Ruiloba* — adds new sections of law to create the Runaway Child Information and Reporting Act; amends the Children's Code to provide for law enforcement referrals to the Children, Youth and Families Department for services for runaway children; and provides penalties.
- H 419a NMHU HEALTH CAREER STUDENT RECRUITMENT, *Rep. N. Salazar* — appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of New Mexico Highlands University for expenditure in FY 16 to fund the recruitment and training of undergraduate students from small universities in healthcare careers, and requires that students accepted into the program agree to work in New Mexico for two years in the medical field of their training following graduation. [Related to S 385]
- H 422 STATE AGENCY CONTRACT SEVERANCE PAY, *Rep. Rehm* — creates a new section of law to restrict severance pay provisions in state agency employment contracts, limits severance pay to 10 weeks of compensation for a state agency that enters into an employment contract with an annual value of \$150,000 or more, prohibits severance pay when the employee has been terminated for misconduct, and requires that all severance provisions and documents be available to the public. (May affect public schools)

- H 427** **RESIDENT TUITION FOR VETERAN FAMILY MEMBERS [Passed H/Passed S]**, *Rep. Garcia Richard* — amends laws pertaining to postsecondary institutions to entitle a spouse or child of a veteran of the armed forces to in-state tuition and fees if the spouse or child is eligible for educational benefits under federal law.
- H 429** **LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HOME SCHOOL [Passed H]**, *Rep. Wooley* — amends the Legislative Lottery Tuition Scholarship Act to allow students who are home schooled or complete a nonpublic school primary educational program to qualify for Legislative Lottery Tuition Scholarships; and eliminates the requirement that a private school from which a student graduates be accredited. [Identical to S 521]
- H 433** **ESCAPE FROM CYFD PENALTIES**, *Rep. Ruiloba* — amends law to increase the penalty for escape from the custody of a Children, Youth and Families Department juvenile justice facility from a misdemeanor to a fourth degree felony.
- H 437** **UNM INFO TECH TRAINING & SOFTWARE UPGRADES**, *Rep. T. Salazar* — appropriates \$2.0 million from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico for expenditure in FY 16 and subsequent fiscal years to fund the cost of statewide information technology training, consultation services, and software upgrades relating to business management software products at the state educational institutions.
- H 440** **CHILD PORN IMAGES AS INDIVIDUAL OFFENSES [Passed H]**,
*CS/H 440a *Rep. Maestas Barnes* — amends the Sexual Exploitation of Children Act to make each separate depiction of a child under 18 years old chargeable as an individual criminal offense, and revises definitions in the Sexual Exploitation of Children Act.
(CS/H 440 & 251)
- H 444** **SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS TAX CREDIT**, *Rep. Herrell* — adds new sections of the Income Tax Act to create the Tuition Scholarship Income Tax Credit to provide an income tax credit for contributions made to certain organizations for tuition scholarships for students in private schools, to create the Extracurricular Activity Contribution Income Tax Credit to provide an income tax credit for contributions made to public schools for support of an extracurricular activity, to provide limits on the tax credit in any taxable year, and to require the Public Education Department to compile annual reports on the tax credits for the Revenue Stabilization and Tax Policy Committee and the Legislative Finance Committee beginning in 2017.
- H 446** **COLLEGE SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION**, *Rep. Fajardo* — appropriates \$500,000 from the General Fund to the Higher Education Department for expenditure in FY 16 for sexual assault prevention and response services for students attending postsecondary educational institutions in the state.
- ***H 449** **CHARTER SCHOOL FISCAL REPORTING**, *Rep. K. Martinez* — creates a new section of the Charter Schools Act to require charter schools to submit annual fiscal performance reports to the Public Education Department and the chartering authority no later than August 1 of each year.

- H 451 INCREASE NUMBER & QUALITY OF PRE-K PROGRAMS, *Rep. K. Martinez* — amends and adds multiple sections of the Pre-Kindergarten Act to provide the means to increase the number and quality of pre-kindergarten programs, creates the Professional Development Council, provides powers and duties, provides for applications and grants, creates the Public Pre-Kindergarten Quality Improvement Fund to be administered by the Public Education Department (PED), appropriates \$26.0 million from the General Fund to the Public Pre-Kindergarten Quality Improvement Fund for expenditure in FY 16 and subsequent fiscal years to increase the number and quality of pre-kindergarten programs; appropriates \$4.0 million from the General Fund to the Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) for expenditure in FY 16 to fund additional teacher scholarships to allow early childhood employees to pursue postsecondary educational degrees in early childhood education, and requires PED and CYFD to provide an annual report to the Governor and the Legislature.
- H 454 HYDROGEN FUEL PRODUCTION TAX CREDIT, *Rep. CA Trujillo* — creates a new section of the Corporate Income and Franchise Tax Act to provide a nonrefundable corporate income tax credit for the production of hydrogen fuel and limits the total amount of hydrogen fuel production corporate income tax credits to \$4.0 million per year. (May affect public schools)
- H 460 STUDY LOTTERY TUITION RECIPIENT MENTORING [Passed H/Passed S],** *Rep. Ruiloba* — amends and adds a new section of the Legislative Lottery Tuition Scholarship to establish the Lottery Student Community Outreach pilot project as a six-year study to determine the efficacy of having Legislative Lottery Tuition Scholarship students perform community outreach and mentor public school students and other college students, requires the Higher Education Department to provide interim and final reports annually to the Governor and the Legislature, and allows participant organizations to actively seek public and private grants and donations for any costs of the pilot project.
- H 465 WIN WITH WELLNESS SCHOOL PROJECT, *Rep. Armstrong* — creates a new section of the Public School Code to implement the Win with Wellness pilot project to explore the feasibility of a wellness curriculum for grades 2 and 5 in public schools statewide, requires classroom study to begin in January 2016 and continue through May 2016, requires the Public Education Department (PED) to conduct evaluations to determine whether to continue or expand the project, and appropriates \$75,000 from the General Fund to PED for expenditure in FY 16 to conduct the project.
- H 469 LESC STUDY PUBLIC & POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION [**Passed H**], *Rep. Roch* — amends state law to provide for the LESC to study issues that pertain to the public education system, including public postsecondary education in New Mexico.
- H 471 LAND GRANT ETHNOHISTORY PROJECT, *Rep. JC Hall* — appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico for expenditure in FY 16 for the Southwest Hispanic Research Institute to fund a video record history of Spanish and Mexican community land grants. [Related to S 234]
- H 476 SPECIAL NEEDS ADOPTED CHILD TAX CREDIT, *Rep. Baldonado* — amends the Income Tax Act to increase the amount of the Special Needs Adopted Child Tax Credit to \$1,500 from \$1,000, and requires the Taxation and Revenue Department to compile and

present annual reports on the cost and benefit of the tax credit to the Revenue Stabilization and Tax Policy Committee and the Legislative Finance Committee beginning in 2016 and each year thereafter that the tax credit is in effect.

- *H 479aa CONTINUE K-3 PLUS PROGRAM FOR SOME SCHOOLS [Passed H/Passed S],** *Rep. Adkins* — amends the Public School Code to allow schools with a D or F school grade in the previous year, or schools that improved their grade rating through the K-3 Plus program to apply to continue with the program for school year 2015-2016.
- H 481 **RESIDENT TUITION FOR CERTAIN STUDENTS & STUDY [Passed H],** *Rep. Espinoza* — adds a new section in the statutes governing public postsecondary institutions to create the Entrepreneurial International Student Tuition Act to allow nonresident tuition waivers to students in certain undergraduate programs, to require the Higher Education Department (HED) to promulgate rules to implement the act, and to require participating institutions to report annually to HED on program participants.
- H 485 **DOÑA ANA REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVE,** *Rep. Nuñez* — appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of New Mexico State University for expenditure in FY 16 for Doña Ana Community College to implement the Doña Ana County Regional Educational Initiative.
- H 490 **PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY USES,** *Rep. Alcon* — amends the Severance Tax Bonding Act to define “school building” and “public school building” within certain articles of the Public School Code, amends the Public School Capital Outlay Act to require expenditures from the Public School Capital Outlay Fund for debt service or loan payments for certain school districts, permits issuance of supplemental severance tax bonds for those expenditures, and appropriates expenditures from the Public School Capital Outlay Fund from FY 16 through FY 20 for debt service payments on revenue bonds issued by Gallup-McKinley County Schools up to \$3.0 million per year and loan payments for Zuni Public School District up to \$1.0 million per year. [Identical to S 592]
- H 491 **REDUCE MULTIPLE TAX RATES,** *Rep. Harper* — reduces the rates from multiple tax programs; repeals certain credits, deductions, and exemptions from those tax programs; repeals certain local option taxes while replacing county obligations related to those taxes with state obligations, provides temporary amnesty from penalties and interest associated with the non-payment of taxes, and provides against the impairment of bond repayment from the repeal of certain taxes. (May affect public schools)
- H 492a **EQUALIZATION GUARANTEE & FEDERAL FUNDS,** *Rep. K. Martinez* — amends the Public School Finance Act to gradually eliminate Impact Aid funds from the State Equalization Guarantee between FY 15 and FY 20. [Related to S 602]
- H 495 **CORPORATE TAX FOR PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS,** *Rep. Roybal Caballero* — creates the Preschool Program Act and requires the Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) to promulgate rules to carry out the provisions of the act; creates the Preschool Program Fund to increase access to preschool programs; creates a new section of the Corporate Income and Franchise Tax Act to impose the corporate low wage tax to make an appropriation to CYFD to carry out the purpose of the act; and repeals a section of the Public School Code pertaining to childhood education programs. [Identical to S 561]

- H 497a HOUSEHOLD MEMBER DEFINITION IN SEVERAL ACTS [**Passed H**], *Rep. Maestas* — amends the Crimes Against Household Members Act and the Criminal Procedure Act to make technical changes and reconcile differences in the definition of “household member” by including a “child, stepchild, grandchild, and adult child.”
- H 498 STATE PREEMPTION OF WAGE & LEAVE LAWS, *Rep. Gentry* — amends and creates sections of the Minimum Wage Act to mandate that the state preempt local laws addressing minimum wage and employee leave, provides exceptions, and provides for severability. (May affect public schools)
- H 499 COURT CONSIDERATION OF YOUTH OFFENDERS [**Passed H**], *Rep. Gentry* — amends the Children’s Code to clarify provisions related to a court’s considerations with respect to the disposition of a youthful offender. [Identical to H 536]
- H 500 YOUTH MENTORING PROGRAMS, *Rep. Steinborn* — appropriates \$700,100 from the General Fund to the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance and Administration for expenditure in FY 16 for youth mentoring programs statewide.
- H 505 COVERAGE OF FORMER FOSTER CARE RECIPIENTS [**Passed H/Passed S**]**, *Rep. Armstrong* — creates a new section of the Public Assistance Act to require the Human Services Department to provide medical assistance coverage for New Mexico residents who are former foster-care recipients under 26 years of age, regardless of the state where foster care was received.
- H 508a INCREASE COMMERCIAL SEX CRIME PENALTIES, *Rep. Maez* — amends the Sexual Exploitation of Children Act and other sections of the Criminal Code to increase penalties for sexual exploitation of children under 16 years of age by prostitution, patronizing prostitutes, promoting prostitution, accepting the earnings of a prostitute and human trafficking.
- H 511 PROPRIETARY COLLEGE INFO & PUBLIC RECORDS, *Rep. K. Martinez* — amends law pertaining to the inspection of public records to add an exception for proprietary business information provided to a public postsecondary institution pursuant to a confidentiality agreement. [Identical to H 575a]
- H 512 NATURAL GAS CAR TAX DEDUCTIONS & CREDITS, *Rep. DM Gallegos* — allows receipts from the sale of natural gas motor vehicle equipment to be deducted from gross receipts in calculation of gross receipts tax due; exempts motor vehicles propelled by natural gas fuel from the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax; and creates a refundable credit against personal or corporate income tax of up to \$20,000 for the purchase or sale of natural gas motor vehicle equipment or up to \$3,000 for the purchase or sale of a natural gas motor vehicle. (May affect public schools) [Similar to CS/S 347]
- H 517aa HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESSES [**Passed H**], *Rep. Maestas* — creates the Historically Underutilized Business Opportunity Act, provides additional duties for the State Auditor, and requires certain state agencies, including educational institutions, to use historically underutilized businesses in the procurement of certain goods or services. [Related to CS/S 722a]

- H 520a MILITARY ACQUISITION PROGRAM GROSS RECEIPTS [**Passed H**], *Rep. Herrell* — defers the sunset date to June 30, 2025 for the deduction of receipts for certain military acquisition programs from gross receipts, and requires reporting. (May affect public schools)
- H 522 REMOVE RELIGION IMMUNIZATION EXEMPTION, *Rep. Armstrong* — amends a section of the Public Health Act to remove the immunization exemption allowed for nondenominational religious beliefs. (May affect public schools)
- H 523 SCHOOL ATHLETE DRUG TESTING, *Rep. Alcon* — creates a new section of the School Personnel Act requiring each person hired to coach a school athletic activity to be tested for illicit and prescription drug abuse prior to employment and random drug testing thereafter.
- H 524 HEALTH SERVICES TRIENNIAL AUDITS, *Rep. JC Hall* — amends a section of the Audit Act to provide for triennial audits of state expenditures for healthcare coverage, healthcare services, and education.
- H 525aa EVALUATE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ACT IMPROVEMENT [**Passed H**], *Rep. JC Hall* — amends the Community Schools Act to remove requirements for the implementation of an evaluation process that measures both the quality and quantity of outcomes; adds requirements for the implementation of an independent, evidence-based or results-based model proven to increase student achievement in schools operating under the act; and clarifies the use of funds provided by the act.
- H 529
CS/H 529a ALTERNATIVE LEVEL 3-B SCHOOL LICENSURE [**Passed H**], *Rep. Roch* — amends and creates a section of the School Personnel Act to provide for an alternative Level 3-B licensure track for applicants who are licensed by the Public Education Department as school counselors, school social workers, school nurses, speech-language pathologists, psychologists, physical therapists, physical therapy assistants, occupational therapists, occupational therapy assistants, recreational therapists, marriage and family therapists, interpreters for the deaf and diagnosticians; and removes the non-alternative Level 3-B licensure provisions for counselors from the School Personnel Act.
- H 531 EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS, *Rep. Maestas* — creates the Criminal Record Expungement Act to provide authority to expunge certain criminal records and requires the Administrative Office of the Courts and the Department of Public Safety to develop rules and procedures to implement the act.
- H 533 WORKFORCE READINESS CURRICULA, *Rep. Youngblood* — appropriates \$75,000 from the General Fund to the Economic Development Department for expenditure in FY 16 to purchase and implement curricula related to workforce readiness, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy through experiential programming for youth. [Related to S 627]
- H 536 COURT CONSIDERATION OF YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS, *Rep. Clahchischillige* — amends the Children’s Code to clarify provisions related to a court’s considerations with respect to the disposition of a youthful offender sentenced as an adult. [Identical to H 499]

- H 537 GOV'T EMPLOYEE POLITICAL ACTIVITY, *Rep. Cook* — amends the Governmental Conduct Act to define terms related to prohibited political activity; defines “public purpose,” “public notice,” and “public resources”; and clarifies acceptable uses of public resources.
- H 539a ELIMINATE CERTAIN GRADE 9 & 10 ASSESSMENTS [**Passed H**, *Rep. Romero* — amends the Assessment and Accountability Act to eliminate higher education or career readiness assessment system requirements for students in grades 9 and 10.
- H 540 NEW HIGH-INCOME TAX BRACKET, *Rep. Maestas* — creates a new tax bracket for annual income greater than \$150,000 individually or \$225,000 for married taxpayers filing jointly with a marginal rates of 5.9 percent, up from the previous top marginal rate of 4.9 percent, and applies to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2015. (May affect public schools)
- *H 541 EARLY CHILDHOOD PROVIDER BENEFIT INCENTIVES, *Rep. Maez* — amends the Early Childhood Care and Education Act to allow for incentives for early childhood care providers to provide certain benefits to employees, including paid sick and family leave, health insurance, and a minimum wage rate of \$15 per hour. [Identical to *S 559]
- H 547 CREATE EARLY LEARNING DEPT., *Rep. Maez* — creates the Early Learning Department Act to create the Early Learning Department as a cabinet department; prescribes the duties, powers, and responsibilities of the department and the appointed secretary; amends sections of Public School Code to move the Even Start Family Literacy Program to the Early Learning Department from the Public Education Department; amends sections of the Children’s Cabinet Act and the Pre-Kindergarten Act; divides any money appropriated for pre-kindergarten programs equally between public schools and private providers, removing such appropriations from the Public Education Department and the Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD); and amends the Early Childhood Care and Education Act and the Home Visiting Accountability Act to transfer all functions, personnel, appropriations, money, property, contractual obligations, and references pertaining to early childhood care and education to the Early Learning Department from CYFD. [Identical to S 607]
- H 552a SCHOOL INVESTMENT OF PUBLIC MONEY [**Passed H**], *Rep. JC Hall* — amends law pertaining to public money and the Public School Finance Act to allow school districts and state-chartered charter schools to make investments of public money, and allows school districts and state-chartered charter schools to determine deposits with local qualified depositories.
- H 553 ENMU SKILLSUSA PROGRAM, *Rep. Garcia Richard* — appropriates \$25,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of Eastern New Mexico University for expenditure in FY 16 and subsequent years to support the SkillsUSA program. [Identical to S 659]
- H 555 EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR SCHOLARSHIP FUND, *Rep. CH Trujillo* — creates a new section of law to establish the Early Childhood Educator Scholarship Fund; and appropriates money in the fund to the Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) to be used to create scholarships to enhance the ability of early childhood

caregivers and educators to obtain either a national credential or a child development certificate issued by CYFD; and requires CYFD to establish criteria for making awards.

- H 558 NONLICENSED SCHOOL EMPLOYEE PROBATION TIME, *Rep. Roybal Caballero* — amends the School Personnel Act to reduce the probationary period for non-licensed school employees and licensed educational assistants to one year.
- H 562 NMSU SCIENCE & TECH DIVERSITY PROGRAM, *Rep. Steinborn* — appropriates \$50,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of New Mexico State University for expenditure in FY 16 for a science, technology, engineering, and mathematics entrepreneurship and diversity program.
- H 567 NAME UNM TELEHEALTH CENTER FOR REP. EASLEY [Passed H/Passed S],** *Rep. Egolf* — adds a new section to statute governing the University of New Mexico (UNM) to name the center for telehealth at UNM the “Stephen Easley Telehealth Videoconferencing Center” after Representative Stephen Easley.
- H 571 LIMIT CERTAIN NEWSPAPER GROSS RECEIPTS, *Rep. MP García* — limits an existing gross receipts tax deduction for the sale of newspaper or magazine publication to publications with a net paid circulation of less than 50,000 copies.
- H 572 LOW-INCOME HOME ASSISTANCE DISTRIBUTIONS, *Rep. MP García* — adds a new section to the Tax Administration Act to provide for a distribution for low-income home energy assistance if the net receipts from the Oil and Gas Emergency School Tax exceed a certain amount, to create the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Fund, and to make appropriations to the Human Services Department and the Department of Finance and Administration for the New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority for expenditures for low-income energy assistance programs.
- H 573 SEVERANCE TAX DISTRIBUTION TO SOME COUNTIES, *Rep. Clahchischilliage* — amends the distribution of severance tax and oil and gas severance tax, 100 percent of which are currently distributed to the severance tax bonding fund, to create a distribution to counties of 1.0 percent of the severance tax on natural resources severed in each county. (May affect public schools)
- H 575a PROPRIETARY COLLEGE INFO & PUBLIC RECORDS, *Rep. K. Martinez* — amends the Inspection of Public Records Act to add an exception for proprietary business information provided to a public postsecondary educational institution pursuant to a confidentiality agreement. [Identical to H 511]
- H 579 MINIMUM SCHOOL EQUALIZATION DISTRIBUTION, *Rep. Harper* — amends the Public School Finance Act to set a minimum State Equalization Guarantee distribution of \$8,000 per eligible student.
- H 582 ABUSE & NEGLECT NOTICE & HEARINGS, *Rep. DM Gallegos* — amends the Abuse and Neglect Act to add definitions, to change procedures for permanency hearings, and to modify and expand confidentiality provisions; and adds a new section to the act to provide notice to grandparents and relatives when a child is taken into custody.

H 584 SCHOOL STANDARDS IMPLEMENTATION TEAMS, *Rep. Maestas* — adds a new section to the Assessment and Accountability Act to require each school district, charter school, and individual public school to establish a “standards implementation leadership team” consisting of administrators and teachers; and to require the team to manage the process for implementation of state-adopted college and career readiness standards.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

HCR 1a WEBCAST INTERIM COMMITTEE MEETINGS, *Rep. Steinborn* — adopts a joint rule to require the webcasting of interim committee meetings and requires that streams will not be archived.

HCR 2 WEB-BASED PUBLIC COMMENTS ON LEGISLATION, *Rep. Brown* — adopts a joint rule for the Legislative Council Service (LCS) to develop and maintain a web-based portal through which the public may submit written comments on pending legislation and requires LCS to keep public comments on file for 30 days after the relevant session.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIALS

HJM 1a UNIFIED SCIENCE, TECH & MATH CHAMPIONSHIP [**Passed H**], *Rep. McCamley* — requests that the New Mexico Activities Association (NMAA) work with the Public Education Department (PED) to create a statewide science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) championship program; and requests that the NMAA and PED report their progress to the LESC by December 1, 2015.

HJM 3aa STANDARDIZED TEST CONTRACT FUND REPORTS [**Passed H**], *Rep. McCamley* — requests that the Public Education Department report to the LESC on funds spent and the procurement process for standardized testing materials used to assess students statewide on the Common Core State Standards by November 1, 2015.

HJM 4 “ENLACE NEW MEXICO DAY,” [**tblld H/Passed H/tblld S**] *Rep. CH Trujillo* — proclaims January 22, 2015 “ENLACE New Mexico Day” in the Legislature.

HJM 11 VIDEOCONFERENCE INTERIM COMMITTEE MEETINGS, *Rep. Brown* — requests that the Legislative Council allow interim committee members to participate in meetings by real-time videoconference when practicable and prohibits members who participate in a meeting by videoconference from receiving per diem and mileage for participating in that meeting.

HJM 12 “4-H DAY,” [**TBLD INDEF**] *Rep. Crowder* — declares February 17, 2015 “4-H Day” at the Legislature in recognition of the contributions of 4-H to the state.

HJM 13 STUDY STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM, *Rep. Ruiloba* — requests the Higher Education Department and Public Education Department to cooperate in a study of the feasibility of implementing a student loan forgiveness program for students at public postsecondary educational institutions who mentor public school students in grades K-8; requires the departments to report their findings to the Governor, the LESC, and the Legislative Finance Committee; and requires a copy of the report to be filed with the Legislative Council Service Library.

- HJM 14 ADDRESS INSTITUTIONAL RACISM, *Rep. J. Martinez* — requests every agency and entity that receives state funding to adopt a policy to address institutional racism by January 1, 2016. [Identical to SJM 15]
- HJM 15 MINORITY FACULTY AT COLLEGES [**Passed H**], *Rep. Clahchischilliage* — requests that the Higher Education Department (HED) form a task force to study the underrepresentation of minorities in the faculties of social work, sociology, and psychology programs in the public postsecondary institutions of New Mexico; specifies the membership of the task force; and requires HED and the task force to report the results of the study to the appropriate interim legislative committees by August 1, 2015.
- HJM 19 STUDY MCKINLEY COUNTY BRIDGES, *Rep. Johnson* — requests the Department of Transportation to convene a task force with a prescribed membership to study load ratings of bridges in McKinley County and costs to provide for improvements to bridges that are not load rated for standard-sized school buses and emergency vehicles, and report its findings and recommendations for improvements to the Transportation Infrastructure Revenue Committee and the Legislative Finance Committee by November 1, 2015. [Identical to HM 128 and SJM 29]

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS

- HJR 2 LIMIT SCHOOL CLASS SIZE, CA, *Rep. Garcia Richard* — proposes to amend Article 12, Section 1 of the constitution of New Mexico to provide for the sufficient education of public school students by gradually limiting class sizes in public schools so that by school year 2022-2023, class sizes do not exceed: 18 students per class for grades K-3; 22 students per class for grades 4-8; and 25 students per class for grades 9-12; excludes music, band, elective and extracurricular classes; and provides for voter approval or rejection at the next general election or special election prior to the general election.
- HJR 4 BOARD OF EDUCATION & SUPERINTENDENT, CA, *Rep. Gonzales* — proposes to amend Article 12, Section 6 of the constitution of New Mexico to create a 13-member State Board of Education (SBE) with 10 elected and three appointed members; requires the board to determine public school policy and direct the Public Education Department (PED); requires Public Education Commission (PEC) districts to become SBE districts; provides that PEC members elected on or before the 2016 general election shall constitute the SBE until their terms expire; requires the board to appoint a Superintendent of Public Education to manage the operations of PED; and provides for voter approval or rejection at the next general election, or special election prior to the general election.
- HJR 5 MOTOR VEHICLE MONEY FOR ROADS, CA, *Rep. Gonzales* — proposes a constitutional amendment restricting the use of tax revenue from motor vehicle fuels and the purchase, registration, and use of motor vehicles on public highways to transportation projects. (May affect public schools)
- HJR 6 PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR PEOPLE OVER 75, CA, *Rep. MP García* — proposes a constitutional amendment to provide an exemption from property tax for individuals aged 75 years and older with an annual modified gross income of \$15,000 or less. (May affect public schools)

- HJR 7 PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR LOW-INCOME, CA, *Rep. MP García* — proposes a constitutional amendment to provide an exemption from property tax for individuals who are 100 percent permanently disabled with an annual modified gross income of \$15,000 or less. (May affect public schools)
- HJR 9 SCHOOL BOARDS OF REGENTS NOMINATION, CA, *Rep. Steinborn* — proposes to amend Article 12, Section 13 of the constitution of New Mexico to require the Governor to appoint members of each board of regents of state educational institutions from a list provided by nominating committees established by law; and provides for voter approval or rejection at the next general election, or special election prior to the general election.
- HJR 12 SENATE TERMS & CANDIDACIES, CA, *Rep. Baldonado* — proposes an amendment to Article 4 of the constitution of New Mexico to provide for staggered terms for members of the Senate and allows members to be candidates for both the Senate and another state office in the same election.
- HJR 14 INCREASE VETERAN PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION, CA, *Rep. J. Trujillo* — proposes a constitutional amendment to increase the exemption from property tax for honorably discharged veterans or the veteran's widow or widower from \$4,000 to \$8,000. (May affect public schools)
- HJR 15 STATE ETHICS COMMISSION, CA, *Rep. Cook/Sen. Wirth* — proposes an amendment to Article 5 of the constitution of New Mexico to create an independent state ethics commission to oversee the conduct of state officers and employees in the executive and legislative branches of government, government contractors, and lobbyists; and prescribes the membership and duties of the commission.
- HJR 16 LAND GRANT FUND FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD, CA, *Rep. Maestas* — proposes an amendment to Article 12, Section 7 of the constitution of New Mexico to extend the current 0.5 percent additional annual distribution beyond FY 16, to provide, beginning in FY 17 and subsequent fiscal years, an additional 1.0 percent annual distribution from the Permanent School Fund for early childhood nonsectarian education services administered by the state, and to inflation-adjust the \$10.0 billion minimum balance of the Land Grant Permanent Fund required for such additional distributions.
- HJR 17 SCHOOL & OTHER ELECTION DATES, CA [**Passed H**], *Rep. Gonzales* — proposes an amendment to Article 7, Section 1 of the constitution of New Mexico to remove the prohibition on holding school elections with any other election.
- HJR 19 CONVENTION OF STATES [**Passed H**], *Rep. Bandy* — applies for a convention of states under Article V of the constitution of the United States limited to proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States of America that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government.

HOUSE MEMORIALS

- HM 2
CS/HM 2a **PARENTAL PAID-LEAVE WORKING GROUP [Passed H]**, *Rep. Chasey* — requests that the University of New Mexico’s Bureau of Business and Economic Research convene the Family-Friendly Workplace Task Force and that the task force convene a parental paid-leave working group comprising a specified membership to make findings and develop recommendations for the establishment of a publicly managed parenting workers’ leave fund to which private and public employees and employers contribute, and that the work group recommend a state agency to manage the fund and the program; and report to the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee and the Legislative Finance Committee by October 1, 2016. (May affect public schools)
- HM 3 **NM SPEECH-LANGUAGE & HEARING ASSOCIATION DAY [SGND]**, *Rep. Stapleton* — proclaims February 20, 2015 “New Mexico Speech-Language and Hearing Association Day” at the House of Representatives. [Related to HM 4, SM 35, and SM 36]
- HM 4 **“BETTER SPEECH & HEARING MONTH,” [SGND]** *Rep. Stapleton* — designates the month of May “Better Hearing and Speech Month” in New Mexico. [Related to HM 3, SM 35, and SM 36]
- HM 5 **“GIFTED DAY,” [SGND]** *Rep. CH Trujillo* — declares February 23, 2015 “Gifted Day” in the House of Representatives.
- HM 6 **COLLEGE STUDENTS AS 3RD GRADE READING MENTORS [SGND]**, *Rep. J. Trujillo* — requests that the LESC, in cooperation with the Public Education Department (PED) and the Higher Education Department (HED), establish a work group to study the feasibility of creating a program in which college students serve as reading mentors and tutors to students in grade 3; describes the membership of the work group; and requests that the LESC, together with PED and HED, report the results of the study and any recommendations to the Legislature and the Governor before the 2016 legislative session. [Identical to SM 2]
- HM 8 **RESOURCES FOR GRANDPARENTS RAISING CHILDREN [SGND]**, *Rep. Stapleton* — requests that a task force be convened to study and recommend policy changes to expand the availability of resources and assistance for grandparents raising grandchildren and report its findings and recommendations to the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee and the Legislative Finance Committee by November 2015. [Identical to SM 104 and Related to S 568]
- HM 9 **CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS STUDY [SGND]**, *Rep. Adkins* — requests the Children’s Medical Services Program at the Department of Health and the University of New Mexico Center for Development and Disability to convene a task force on healthcare transition for New Mexico children and youths with special healthcare needs; specifies the membership of the task force; and requires the task force to report its findings and recommendations to several state agencies and legislative committees by October 1, 2015. (May affect public schools)

- HM 10** “**ENLACE NEW MEXICO DAY,**” [SGND] *Rep. CH Trujillo* — proclaims January 22, 2015 “ENLACE New Mexico Day” in the House of Representatives.
- HM 14** **ESTABLISH HIGH-QUALITY CAREER PATHWAYS** [SGND], *Rep. Stapleton* — requests that the Higher Education Department, the Public Education Department, and the Workforce Solutions Department collaborate to establish high-quality career pathways that bridge high school curricula, postsecondary studies, and 21st Century job opportunities for all New Mexico students and report their findings and progress to the LESC by November 1, 2015. [Identical to SM 105]
- HM 18** “**SUPPORT THE NM ALLIANCE OF YMCAS DAY,**” [SGND] *Rep. Garcia Richard* — recognizes the contributions of the New Mexico Alliance of YMCAs and declares February 12, 2015 “Support the New Mexico Alliance of YMCAs Day” in the House of Representatives.
- HM 20** “**NM TRIO PROGRAMS DAY,**” [SGND] *Rep. T. Salazar* — proclaims February 27, 2015 “New Mexico TRiO Programs Day” in the House of Representatives.
- HM 21** **NM PRIVATE-SECTOR EDUCATION PARTNERSHIPS** [SGND], *Rep. Garcia Richard* — recognizes private-sector organizations for their involvement, commitment, and voluntary contributions to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education partnerships; and requests that the organizations report their progress to the LESC during the 2015 interim. [Identical to SM 30]
- HM 23** “**FFA DAY,**” [SGND] *Rep. Roch* — declares February 18, 2015 “FFA Day” in the House of Representatives.
- HM 25** “**NM FOOD & FARMS LIST,**” [SGND] *Rep. Maestas Barnes* — declares January 28, 2015 “New Mexico Food and Farms Day” in the House of Representatives.
- HM 34** “**GRADUATE EDUCATION DAY,**” [SGND] *Rep. Tripp* — proclaims January 30, 2015 “Graduate Education Day” at the House of Representatives.
- HM 40** “**NM ATHLETIC TRAINER DAY,**” [SGND] *Rep. McCamley* — declares March 4, 2015 “New Mexico Athletic Trainer Day” in the House of Representatives. [Related to SM 114]
- HM 46** “**I AM NEW MEXICO PUBLIC SCHOOLS DAY,**” [SGND] *Rep. Espinoza* — declares February 19, 2015 “I Am New Mexico Public Schools Day” in the House of Representatives.
- HM 47** **RECONVENE J. PAUL TAYLOR CHILDHOOD TASK FORCE** [SGND], *Rep. Chasey* — reconvenes the J. Paul Taylor Early Childhood Task Force to support the implementation and sustainability of its recommended Early Childhood Behavioral Health Action Plan and the Child Abuse Prevention Plan, to recommend best practices for a trauma-informed community service and state delivery system, and to expand its membership; and requires review of Task Force recommendations by the Legislative

Finance and the Legislative Health and Human Services Committees. [Identical to HM 47 and SJM 10]

- HM 48** **NM LIBRARY NEEDS ASSESSMENT [SGND]**, *Rep. Armstrong* — requests that the New Mexico State Library support a needs assessment of New Mexico libraries and support and assist with a statewide conference to identify policies and goals for improved library services. [Identical to SM 61]
- HM 56** **STUDY HERBICIDE & AUTISM & FOOD SAFETY**, *Rep. Egolf* — requests the Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) and the Department of Health (DOH) to evaluate research related to the relationships between the herbicide Roundup, autism Roundup, and food safety; and requests CYFD and DOH to report their findings to the Legislative Health and Human Services and Water and Natural Resources Committees. [Related to HM 58 and SM 64]
- HM 57** **“UNM DAY,” [SGND]** *Rep. Larrañaga* — declares February 9, 2015 “UNM Day” in the House of Representatives and requests that the University of New Mexico be commended for its service and dedication to the residents of New Mexico. [Similar to SM 54]
- HM 58** **“AUTISM DAY,” [SGND]** *Rep. Louis* — declares February 16, 2015 “Autism Day” in the House of Representatives. [Related to HM 56 and SM 64]
- HM 61** **SCHOOL NURSE TASK FORCE [SGND]**, *Rep. Herrell* — requests the Secretary of Health and the Secretary of Public Education to create a school nurse task force to propose New Mexico school nurse staffing models, make recommendations to the Legislative Finance Committee and the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee to address any possible disparities caused by a lack of nursing services to students, and develop a plan to address those disparities by October 1, 2015.
- HM 62** **“NEW MEXICO MESA DAY,” [SGND]** *Rep. Herrell* — declares March 17, 2015 “New Mexico MESA Day” in the House of Representatives and recognizes its dedication to preparing minority students for careers in mathematics, engineering, and the sciences. [Related to SM 49]
- HM 64** **“COMMUNITY COLLEGE DAY,” [SGND]** *Rep. Espinoza* — declares February 11, 2015 “Community College Day” in the House of Representatives and requests that the 2015 Community College All-State Academic Teams from 15 community colleges across the state be recognized. [Related to SM 58]
- HM 65** **“ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY DAY,” [SGND]** *Rep. Stapleton* — declares February 13, 2015 “Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Day” in the House of Representatives and that the members who uphold its standards and missions be recognized.
- HM 68** **“PUBLIC EDUCATOR APPRECIATION DAY,” [SGND]** *Rep. Stapleton* — declares February 16, 2015 “Public Educator Appreciation Day” in the House of Representatives, and that public educators be acknowledged for their immeasurable contributions, hard work, and dedication to New Mexico public school students and their parents. [Related to SM 63]

- HM 78** “**NEW MEXICO GRADS DAY,**” [SGND] *Rep. Tripp* — proclaims February 18, 2015 “New Mexico GRADS Day” at the House of Representatives.
- HM 83a** **HIGH SCHOOL MATH EDUCATION TASK FORCE [Passed H]**, *Rep. JC Hall* — requests the Public Education Department (PED) to convene a High School Mathematics Education Task Force; prescribes the membership of the task force, including representatives from the Math and Science Advisory Council; requires the task force to review policies regarding Algebra II waivers; requires other studies by PED and the Higher Education Department (HED); and requires PED, HED, and the task force to report their findings to the LESC and any other appropriate interim committees each November 1 from 2015 through 2017. [Related to SM 90]
- HM 84a** **AT-RISK YOUTH DESIGN EDUCATION PROGRAMS [SGND]**, *Rep. Maestas* — requests the Public Education Department to explore funding options for the creation of design education programs for at-risk youth and present its findings to the LESC and the Legislative Finance Committee before December 1, 2016. [Identical to SM 60]
- HM 86** **SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY SCHOOL COLLABORATIVE DAY [SGND]**, *Rep. Ruiloba* — declares February 24, 2015 “Southwest Community School Collaborative Day,” a day of champions, in the House of Representatives.
- HM 89** “**ALBUQUERQUE WEST SIDE DAY,**” [SGND] *Rep. Maestas* — proclaims February 19, 2015 “Albuquerque West Side Day” at the House of Representatives. [Related to SM 1]
- HM 90** **ABQ EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANTS DAY [SGND]**, *Rep. Stapleton* — declares March 4, 2015 “Albuquerque Educational Assistants, Campus Assistants and Community Support Liaisons Appreciation Day” at the House of Representatives to acknowledge the immeasurable contributions and hard work they provide on behalf of students and teachers at Albuquerque Public Schools.
- HM 91** “**ASIAN AMERICAN DAY,**” [SGND] *Rep. Stapleton* — declares March 6, 2015 “Asian American Day” in the House of Representatives in recognition of contributing their unique culture, customs, and traditions to the already richly diverse culture of New Mexico.
- HM 97** **STUDY PARENTAL RIGHTS ISSUES [Passed H]**, *Rep. J. Martinez* — requests the appropriate interim legislative committee to study issues relating to parental rights and report its conclusions to the Second Session of the Fifty-second Legislature.
- HM 106** **TRIBAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND FOR LIBRARIES [SGND]**, *Rep. Madalena* — requests that the Indian Affairs Department work with tribal leaders and the Tribal Infrastructure Board to dedicate one year of Tribal Infrastructure Project Fund money to assess and address the most critical needs for construction and renovation of tribal library facilities.
- HM 109** “**NDI NEW MEXICO DAY,**” [SGND] *Rep. Tripp* — proclaims February 24, 2015 “NDI New Mexico Day” in the House of Representatives, in recognition of the National Dance Institute of New Mexico’s public-private partnership to promote a platform for children’s success.

- HM 111** **RUNAWAY CHILD & FAMILY PROTECTIVE SERVICES [SGND]**, *Rep. Ruiloba* — requests the Children, Youth and Families Department and certain law enforcement agencies and public schools to convene a task force to study and develop a pilot approach to be tested in Bernalillo County to identify and provide protective or supportive services to runaway children and their families; and report its findings and make recommendations for proposed legislation and funding to the appropriate interim committee dealing with courts, corrections, and justice by November 2015.
- HM 112** **TUITION SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNTS & NOTICES [SGND]**, *Rep. McCamley* — requests that the Higher Education Department be requested to adhere to statutory and regulatory requirements to determine the total amount of money available for tuition scholarships and the uniform percentage by which to calculate tuition scholarships; and to notify all eligible institutions of, and make available to the public, the determinations by June 1 annually. [Identical to SM 108]
- HM 113** **PSYCHOLOGIST LICENSURE TASK FORCE [SGND]**, *Rep. Armstrong* — requests the Higher Education Department to convene a task force to evaluate the quality of online study courses, the state’s eligibility requirements and corresponding regulations for licensure in the state as a psychologist; and report any recommended changes to the state’s licensing procedures, licensure eligibility requirements, or corresponding regulations to the appropriate legislative interim committee no later than December 1, 2015. [Identical to SM 109]
- HM 115** **NM PTA 100TH ANNIVERSARY [SGND]**, *Rep. Dines* — recognizes the 100th anniversary of the New Mexico Parent Teacher Association and its dedication and commitment to the families and students of New Mexico.
- HM 125** **STUDY IPRA REQUESTS TO SCHOOLS [Passed H]**, *Rep. K. Martinez* — requests the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) to convene a working group with a prescribed membership to study and make recommendations to address the administrative and fiscal burdens of complying with Inspection of Public Records Act requests made to public postsecondary educational institutions and public school districts and report to the LFC and the Courts, Corrections and Justice Committee by November 1, 2015.
- HM 128** **STUDY MCKINLEY COUNTY BRIDGES**, *Rep. Johnson* — requests the Department of Transportation to convene a task force with a prescribed membership to study load ratings of bridges in McKinley County and costs to provide for improvements to bridges that are not load rated for standard-sized school buses and emergency vehicles, and report its findings and recommendations for improvements to the Transportation Infrastructure Revenue Committee and the Legislative Finance Committee by November 1, 2015. [Identical to HJM 19 and SJM 29]
- HM 133** **STUDY SCHOOL FUNDING ISSUES**, *Rep. Johnson* — requests that the LESC and Legislative Finance Committee (LFC), together with the Public Education Department, the Department of Finance and Administration, the Public School Capital Outlay Council, and representatives of stakeholder groups study the provisions of federal and state laws relating to federal impact aid and other federal payment-in-lieu-of-taxes provisions; the public school funding formula size adjustment factor relating to population centers and rural,

isolated schools in the same school district; the effect of federal “sequestration” of funds; relevant changes in federal and state law since implementation of the public school capital outlay standards-based process; and report the results of the study to the LESC, the LFC, and the Governor before the 2016 legislative session. [Identical to SM 135]

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

- HR 1a** **HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE CHANGES [SGND]**, *Rep. Gentry* — amends the rules pertaining to the standing committees by renaming and reconfiguring several of the committees.
- HR 2a** **ARCHIVE HOUSE AUDIO & VIDEO STREAMS**, *Rep. Steinborn* — amends the Rules of the House to provide video and audio streams of House proceedings and committee proceedings to be publicly available through the Legislature’s website for five years following the adjournment of the relevant session subject to the financial capability of the House.
- HR 3** **HOUSE RULE CLEANUP**, *Rep. Gentry* — amends, adopts and repeals certain House Rules.
- HR 5** **MANDATORY COMMITTEE REFERRALS & WAIT TIMES**, *Rep. Egolf* — amends the House Rules to require that bills and resolutions be referred to at least two committees, imposes waiting periods before bills and resolutions are read a third time, and requires that all roll call votes be posted on the Internet within 24 hours.

SENATE BILLS

- S 2 TRIBAL COLLEGE DUAL CREDIT PROGRAM FUND, *Sen. M. Sanchez* — appropriates \$500,000 from the General Fund to the Tribal College Dual Credit Program Fund for FY 16 to compensate tribal colleges for foregone revenue due to the waiver of tuition and fees for dual credit students.
- S 7a HYDROGEN FUEL PRODUCTION TAX CREDIT [**Passed S**], *Sen. Cisneros/Rep. CA Trujillo* — creates a new section of the Corporate Income and Franchise Tax Act to provide a nonrefundable corporate income tax credit for the production of hydrogen fuel and limits the total amount of hydrogen fuel production corporate income tax credits to \$500,000 per year in taxable year 2017, \$1.0 million in taxable year 2018, \$2.0 million in taxable year 2019, and \$4.0 million in taxable year 2020, and taxable years thereafter. (For the Science, Technology and Telecommunications Committee) (May affect public schools)
- S 8a **CS/S 8** CHARTER SCHOOL EDUCATION TECH EQUIPMENT [**Passed S/Passed H**], *Sen. Cisneros/Rep. Gonzales* — amends the Education Technology Equipment Act to make locally chartered and state-chartered charter schools eligible, under certain conditions, to receive a prorated share of education technology equipment purchased by a school district through a lease-purchase arrangement pursuant to the act; allows local school boards to submit to local voters the question of creating debt; and requires local school boards to abide by the majority vote on the question. [Identical to CS/H 19]
- S 9a ELECTRIC VEHICLE INCOME TAX CREDIT [**Passed S**], *Sen. Cisneros/Rep. Gonzales* — creates new sections of the Income Tax Act to provide a refundable tax credit of \$2,500 for the purchase or lease of a new qualified electric vehicle with an annual aggregate cap of \$2.0 million of electric vehicle income tax credits, creates new sections of the Income Tax Act and Corporate Income and Franchise Tax Act to provide a refundable tax credit of up to \$5,000 for the purchase and installation of an electric vehicle charging unit with an annual aggregate cap of \$1.0 million of electric vehicle charging unit tax credits, and creates an additional annual motor vehicle registration fee of \$50 for electric vehicles to be distributed to the State Road Fund. (May affect public schools)
- S 10 RAISE MINIMUM WAGE, *Sen. C. Sanchez* — raises the minimum wage from \$7.50 per hour to \$8.30 per hour, except for trainee employees, who shall be paid a minimum wage of \$7.50 per hour during the training period, but for no longer than six months from the date of hire. [Related to S 342, S 350, S 432, SJR 9, H 20, H 138, and H 360]
- S 11a SCHOLARSHIP FOR NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS, *Sen. Candelaria* — allows certain postsecondary institutions to establish national merit scholarships for tuition and fees, according to prescribed criteria.
- S 14 COMPUTER PROGRAMMING FOR LANGUAGE CREDIT, *Sen. Candelaria* — amends the Public School Code to allow school districts to offer a course in a modern, widely used computer programming language; and to allow students, beginning with the ninth grade class in school year 2015-2016, to count such a course as a language other than English to satisfy graduation requirements.

- S 15 ABQ WEST MESA HIGH SCHOOL HEALTH CLINIC, *Sen. Candelaria/Rep. Maestas* — appropriates \$150,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Health for FY 16 to operate a school-based health clinic at West Mesa High School in Albuquerque Public Schools.
- S 18 FT. SILL APACHE TRIBE ON CERTAIN COUNCILS, *Sen. Soules* — amends the Indian Education Act to add a representative from the Fort Sill Apache Tribe to the Indian Education Advisory Council.
- S 20 PAID LEAVE FOR PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES, *Sen. Padilla* — creates the Paid Leave Act to require public and private employers to grant each employee/parent of a school-age child up to two hours of paid leave during each semester (fall and spring) to attend parent/teacher conferences.
- S 23a FOSTER CARE BY OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS [**Passed S**], *Sen. Padilla* — amends the Children’s Code to require that a child taken into protective custody be placed with a relative of the child when possible; requires CYFD to make reasonable efforts to locate a relative of the child to provide foster care; and requires relatives providing foster care to initiate licensing procedures within five days of accepting custody of a child. (May affect public schools)
- CS/S 23
- S 24 UNM PAIN MANAGEMENT CENTER, *Sen. Padilla* — appropriates \$1.1 million from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico (UNM) for expenditure in FY 16 to support the Pain Management Center at UNM. (For the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee)
- S 26 INVESTMENT IN NM TECH COLLABORATIVE COMPANIES, *Sen. Padilla* — amends a section of the Severance Tax Bonding Act to require that one-fourth percent of the market value of the Severance Tax Permanent Fund be invested by the State Investment Council in companies approved by the Technology Research Collaborative; transfers the fiscal administration of the Technology Research Collaborative from the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology to the Economic Development Department; changes the composition of the board of the Technology Research Collaborative by replacing the governor or the governor’s designee, who served as chair of the board, with the cabinet secretary of economic development, who may only vote in order to break a tie vote; and allows the board to elect its chair. (May affect public schools)
- S 31 UNM CIVIC LEADERSHIP & LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM, *Sen. Padilla* — appropriates \$250,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico (UNM) for FY 16 to support a civic leadership and legislative processes training program for Hispanic high school students.
- S 33 SOCIAL WORKER LOAN FOR SERVICE ACT, *Sen. Padilla* — creates the Social Worker Loan for Service Act to address the shortage of degreed social workers in the Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD); allows the Higher Education Department (HED) to grant loans to certain students; prescribes other duties for HED and CYFD; prescribes terms for the loan; requires HED to forgive a portion of the loan for each period that the social worker is employed by CYFD; creates the Social Worker Loan

for Service Fund; requires annual reports from CYFD and HED; and appropriates \$2.0 million from the General Fund to the Social Worker Loan for Service Fund for FY 16 and subsequent fiscal years. (May affect public schools)

- *S 34a BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE FUND, *Sen. Padilla* — creates the Broadband Infrastructure Fund; requires the Department of Information Technology to administer the fund and to provide matching money for federal grants to bring broadband infrastructure to rural or underserved populations of New Mexico; and appropriates \$10.0 million from the General Fund to the Broadband Infrastructure Fund for FY 15 and subsequent fiscal years.
- S 35 DENTAL STUDENTS IN WICHE PROGRAM, *Sen. Padilla* — appropriates \$400,000 from the General Fund to the Higher Education Department for FY 16 to increase the number of dental students participating in the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education Program. (May affect public schools)
- S 37 SOCIAL WORKERS IN CERTAIN SCHOOLS, *Sen. Padilla* — adds a new section to the Public School Code to create the Social Workers in Schools Pilot Project; prescribes activities of the project; requires the Public Education Department (PED) to administer the project, to rank the foreclosure rates of areas designated by zip code in which 50 percent or more of the students are eligible for free and reduced-price lunches, and to prioritize funding according to this ranking; requires PED to report annually by December 1 to the LESC on the progress of the project; and appropriates \$3.5 million from the General Fund to PED for FY 16 to fund the project.
- *S 44 SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS, *Sen. Ortiz y Pino* — appropriates \$16,625,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Health for FY 15 through FY 20 for its office of School and Adolescent Health to expand access to behavioral health treatment and services through school-based health centers.
- S 47 PROHIBIT CERTAIN PUBLIC ED FEES, *Sen. Brandt* — adds a new section to the Public School Code to prohibit schools, school boards, and charter schools from charging student fees for certain prescribed activities, services, and materials; and allows these entities to charge fees for certain other activities as long as the fees are enacted at a public meeting.
- S 48 NMSU MENTAL HEALTH NURSES STAYING IN NM, *Sen. Papen/Rep McMillan* — appropriates \$395,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of New Mexico State University (NMSU) for FY 16 to increase the number of psychiatric mental health nurse practitioners graduating from NMSU and remaining in New Mexico for at least three years following graduation. (May affect public schools)
- S 56 UNITARY CORPORATION COMBINED TAX REPORTING, *Sen. Wirth* — amends sections of the Corporate Income and Franchise Tax Act to require that all unitary corporations file combined corporate income tax returns. (May affect public schools)
- S 57 UNITARY CORP. RESTAURANT TAX REPORTING, *Sen. Wirth* — amends sections of the Corporate Income and Franchise Tax Act to require that unitary corporations that are restaurants file combined corporate income tax returns. (May affect public schools)

- S 58a
CS/S 58a CAMPAIGN PUBLIC FINANCING CHANGES [**Passed S**], *Sen. Wirth* — amends, repeals, and creates sections of the Voter Action Act to remove seed money requirements; allows certain contributions, defines terms, changes distribution and matching fund amounts, limits distribution of funds to candidates in uncontested races, clarifies penalty provisions, and imposes limits on the use of funds, including a restriction on the use of funds to compensate a candidate’s children or stepchildren. (May affect public schools)
- S 64 UNM & NMSU STUDENT GLOBAL COMPETITIVENESS, *Sen. McSorley* — appropriates \$250,000 each to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico and to the Board of Regents of New Mexico State University to support study abroad opportunities in FY 16.
- S 65 REGULATION & LABELING OF NICOTINE PRODUCTS, *Sen. McSorley* — amends and creates new sections of the Tobacco Products Tax Act to regulate nicotine products and to impose a new tax of four cents per milligram of nicotine contained in nicotine products intended for consumption through an electronic delivery device. (May affect public schools)
- S 66 SCHOOL GRADE PROMOTION & RETENTION, *Sen. Kernan* — repeals the current remediation and promotion provisions in the Assessment and Accountability Act and creates a new section in the act to allow the retention of kindergarten, first grade, and second grade students who are not proficient in reading at the end of the respective grades; to require the retention of third grade students not proficient in reading; to require intensive remediation for retained students in those first four grades; to prescribe screening and intervention schedules for students in those four grades; to require school districts to provide a form for parents of students in grades K through 3 to sign if they refuse to allow their students to participate in any prescribed intervention; to require intensive remediation for students who are not academically proficient at the end of grades 4 through 8; and to provide exemptions for certain students. [Similar to S 468 and H 41aa]
- S 77 INCOME TAX EXEMPTION REQUIREMENTS, *Sen. Cotter* — amends the age eligibility requirement for an existing income tax exemption from 100 years of age to 97 years of age. (May affect public schools)
- S 80 UNM DENTAL SCIENCE PROGRAM, *Sen. Morales* — appropriates \$400,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico for expenditure in FY 16 to fund planning for a Bachelor of Arts and Doctor of Dental Science program at the Health Sciences Center. (For the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee)
- S 85
CS/S 85 NO DRIVING FOR CERTAIN STUDENTS, *Sen. Brandt* — amends the Compulsory School Attendance Law to provide for the suspension or postponement of driving privileges of school-age persons who are in violation of that law starting in school year 2016-2017, provides for a hardship waiver to fulfill unavoidable employment or family medical care giving duties, and requires the Public Education Department and the Motor Vehicle Division to submit an annual statewide report to the Governor, the LESC, and the Legislative Finance Committee.
- S 86 CHILD CARE TEACHER RETENTION, *Sen. Rodriguez* — appropriates \$400,000 from the General Fund to the Children, Youth and Families Department for expenditure in

FY 16 to fund an ongoing demonstration project to improve the quality of early childhood education through child-care teacher retention.

- S 89a UNM BRAIN SAFE PROGRAM, *Sen. Moores* — appropriates \$3.0 million from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico for expenditure in FY 16 through FY 18 for the Brain Safe program for university athletes.
- S 90
CS/S 90 REMOVAL FROM OFFICE FOR FELONY CONVICTION, *Sen. Moores* — amends law to create a new section of the Election Code to add the definition “felonious or infamous crime,” expands the conditions for restoration of voting rights, provides for immediate resignation from public office upon conviction of a felony, and provides for forfeiture of campaign funds.
- S 91 TEACHER LICENSURE LEVELS & ADVANCEMENT, *Sen. Moores* — amends the School Personnel Act to: change the designations for teacher licensure levels; and streamline advancement through the licensure system for the most effective teachers, contingent upon certification by the Secretary of Public Education that the Public Education Department has established and implemented a funding mechanism to compensate school districts for additional personnel costs associated with implementing the provisions of the act no later than July 1, 2015. [Related to S 126aa, S 153a, S 223, H 71a, and FL/H 76a]
- S 92 EMPLOYEE PREFERENCE ACT, *Sen. Rue* — creates the Employee Preference Act; excludes public employers and employees, prohibits membership in a labor organization as a condition of employment, prohibits the deduction of dues or fees to a labor organization from the compensation of employees without written authorization, provides for investigation and enforcement, and provides a penalty. (May affect public schools) [Related to S 93, S 103, S 183, S 472, S 664, and CS/H 75]
- S 93 NO PUBLIC EMPLOYEE UNION DUES FROM PAYROLL, *Sen. Rue* — amends the Public Employee Bargaining Act to prohibit payroll deductions of membership dues. (May affect public schools) [Related to S 92, S 103, S 183, S 472, S 664, and CS/H 75]
- S 98 NMSU ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROMOTION, *Sen. Cisneros/Rep. Gonzales* — appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of New Mexico State University for expenditure in FY 16 and subsequent fiscal years to promote economic development and entrepreneurship throughout New Mexico.
- S 99 CYBERSECURITY DEVICE GROSS RECEIPTS, *Sen. Cisneros/Rep. Gonzales* — creates a deduction from gross receipts and compensating taxes until July 1, 2025 for the sale of cyber security devices. (May affect public schools)
- S 101
CS/S 101 GROSS RECEIPTS & HOLD HARMLESS TAX CHANGES, *Sen. Neville* — reduces the gross receipts tax rate from 5.125 percent to 4.875 percent; modifies the municipal and county hold-harmless gross receipts tax rates by raising the maximum rate from 0.375 percent to 0.5 percent, but prohibiting a rate greater than that needed to generate an amount equal to previous hold-harmless payments to the municipality or county; and repealing hold-harmless payments to counties and municipalities attributable to food and medical services gross receipts tax deductions. (May affect public schools)

- S 102a
CS/S 102 PRIVATE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES PROGRAM UNIT [**Failed S/Failed S**], *Sen. Sharer* — amends the Public School Finance Act to establish a program unit for certain private school student activities for certain private schools with an enrollment of less than 350 students. [Similar to CS/H 140a]
- S 103 EMPLOYEE PREFERENCE, *Sen. Sharer* — creates the Employee Preference Act; prohibits mandatory membership in a labor organization as a condition of employment; provides for investigation and enforcement; amends sections of the Public Employee Bargaining Act, including eliminating the “fair share” provision; and provides a penalty. (May affect public schools) [Related to S 92, S 93, S 183, S 472, S 664, and CS/H 75]
- S 105 **COUNTY GROSS RECEIPTS FOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS** [**Passed S/Passed H**], *Sen. Martinez* — creates a new section of the County Local Option Gross Receipts Taxes Act to impose a Special Education Gross Receipts Tax dedicated to payment for bonds for public school capital outlay improvements for qualifying counties.
- S 113 TAX BONDS FOR DEPT. OF TRANS. PROJECTS, *Sen. Griggs* — amends the Severance Tax Bonding Act to authorize the issuance of supplemental severance tax bonds for projects certified by the Department of Transportation, and appropriates the proceeds from the sale of the bonds to the State Road Fund for the construction, improvement, or maintenance of state highways and bridges. (May affect public schools) (For the Transportation Infrastructure Revenue Subcommittee)
- S 114a **LOCAL GOV’T SPECIAL FUELS TAXES** [**Passed S/Passed H**], *Sen. Griggs* — amends the County and Municipal Gasoline Tax Act to include and allow local option taxation on special fuels, which includes diesel fuel at a maximum rate of \$0.02 per gallon; expands an authorization to impose a tax on gasoline to all municipalities and counties; and repeals a section of that act requiring that any ordinance imposing a county or municipal gasoline tax conform to the deductions, refunds, and credits contained in the Gasoline Tax Act. (May affect public schools)
- S 126aa LEVEL 3-B SCHOOL ADMIN LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS, *Sen. Stewart* — amends the School Personnel Act to adjust the requirements for applicants to qualify for Level 3-B licensure and sets the minimum salary for a Level 3-A teacher at \$50,000 per year. (Succeeding entries: S 153) [Related to S 91, FL/S 153a, S 223, H 71a, and FL/H 76a]
- S 127aa DEVELOPMENT OF END-OF-COURSE TESTS BY TEACHER, *Sen. Stewart* — amends graduation requirements in the Public School Code to provide that end-of-course final examinations be developed by the teacher of record or the school district or charter school.
- S 128 **PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY BUILDING NEEDS** [**Passed S/Passed H**], *Sen. Stewart* — amends the Public School Capital Outlay Act to allow the Public School Capital Outlay Council to provide temporary annual allocations to school districts to address building systems needs in existing buildings; defines building systems; and appropriates up to \$15.0 million of the Public School Capital Outlay Fund to be expended annually by the council for expenditure in FY 16 through FY 20 for a building system

repair, renovation, or replacement initiative. (For the Public School Capital Outlay Oversight Task Force and the LESC)

- S 129 SCHOOL DISTRICT LIENS ON SOME SCHOOL BUSES [Passed S/Passed H],** *Sen. Stewart* — amends the Public School Finance Act to require school district liens on every contractor-owned school bus under contract to the school district. (For the LESC)
- S 130a PUBLIC SCHOOL LEASE PURCHASE ACT DEFINITIONS [Passed S/Passed H],** *Sen. Stewart* — amends the Public School Lease Purchase Act to clarify the definition of “governing body,” and establishes the relationship between a governing body and a school district or a charter school in the acquisition of public school facilities pursuant to lease-purchase arrangements. (For the LESC)
- S 137 PREVENTION OF BIRTHS AMONG ADOLESCENTS, *Sen. Lopez* — appropriates \$500,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Health for expenditure in FY 16 to implement statewide comprehensive programs to prevent births among adolescents.
- S 138 REPEAL A-B-C-D-F SCHOOL RATING ACT, *Sen. Lopez* — repeals the A-B-C-D-F Schools Rating Act.
- *S 140 OUTDOOR YOUTH PROGRAM ACT, *Sen. Padilla* — creates the Outdoor Youth Program Act; establishes the Outdoor Youth Program board; requires licensure to operate outdoor youth programs; requires background checks; provides for fees and disciplinary action; and appropriates \$500,000 from the General Fund to the Children, Youth and Families Department for expenditure in FY 15 and FY 16 for the establishment of the program and associated administrative expenses.
- S 148aa CHARTER SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITIES [Passed S/Passed H],** *Sen. Stewart* — amends the Public School Code to define certain charter school terms and clarify certain responsibilities of charter school authorizers, charter school governing bodies, and charter schools. (For the LESC)
- S 149 EARLY LITERACY ACT, *Sen. Stewart* — creates the Early Literacy Act to provide support and funding for early literacy intervention, instruction, and remediation to students in kindergarten through third grade.
- S 150 INCREASE SEVERANCE TAX DISTRIBUTIONS, *Sen. Stewart* — amends the Severance Tax Bonding Act to provide for increased distributions to the Severance Tax Permanent Fund by phasing in reductions to severance tax bonding capacity and supplemental severance tax bonding capacity. (May affect public schools)
- S 153a **STREAMLINE TEACHER ADMINISTRATIVE LICENSURE [Passed S/Passed H],**
FL/S 153a *Sen. Beffort* — amends the School Personnel Act to adjust the requirements for applicants to qualify for Level 3-B licensure, including removal of the requirement for a post-baccalaureate degree or national board for professional teaching standards certification, and sets the minimum salary for a Level 3-A teacher at \$50,000 per year multiplied by the applicable responsibility factor. (FL/S 153 & 126) [Related to S 91, S 126aa, S 223, H 71a, and FL/H 76a]

- S 157 HIGH SCHOOL WORK FORCE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM, *Sen. Papen/Rep. K. Martinez* — appropriates \$35,000 from the General Fund to the Workforce Solutions Department for expenditure in FY 16 to implement a nationwide workforce assessment system in public high schools. [Related to S 164 and S 171]
- S 159 SEVERANCE TAX BOND PROJECTS [**Passed S/Passed H**], *Sen. Cisneros/*
*CS/S 159a *Rep. Gonzales* — authorizes the issuance of severance tax bonds, authorizes expenditures from certain funds and balances, clarifies conditions for the issuance of bonds, establishes conditions for the expenditure of severance tax bond proceeds, establishes conditions for the reversion of unexpended balances; and makes appropriations, including appropriations to the Public Education Department for 258 public school improvement projects.
- *S 161 SCIENCE EARLY EDUCATION PILOT PROGRAM, *Sen. Papen/Rep. K. Martinez* — adds a section to the Public School Code to create the Science Early Education Program as a five-year pilot project to incorporate physics education into sixth through eighth grade curricula; provides powers and duties; requires applications and matching funds; and appropriates \$250,000 from the General Fund to the Science Early Education Fund for expenditure in FY 15 through FY 20.
- S 164 JOB TRAINING, *Sen. Papen/Rep. K. Martinez* — appropriates \$12.0 million from the General Fund to the Development Training Fund for expenditure in FY 16 and subsequent fiscal years for a job training program providing classroom and in-plant training to furnish qualified human resources for certain new or expanding industries and businesses in the state. [Related to S 157 and S 171]
- S 165 STATEWIDE BROADBAND SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION, *Sen. Papen/Rep. Tripp* — appropriates \$300,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Information Technology for expenditure in FY 16 to support the implementation of a statewide broadband system through technical assistance, outreach, education, and training.
- S 170 VETERINARY STUDENTS THROUGH WICHE PROGRAM, *Sen. Kernan* — appropriates \$300,000 from the General Fund to the Higher Education Department for expenditure in FY 16 through FY 19 to fund additional slots for New Mexico students in doctorate programs in veterinary medicine through the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education.
- S 171 HIGHER ED WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS, *Sen. Cisneros/*
Rep. Gonzales — appropriates \$300,000 from the General Fund to the Higher Education Department for expenditure in FY 16 for workforce development programs. [Related to S 157 and S 164]
- S 173 GRADES 4-10 WEB-BASED MATH PROGRAM, *Sen. Cisneros/Rep. Gonzales* — appropriates \$400,000 from the General Fund to the Public Education Department for expenditure in FY 16 for a research-based, interactive, web-based mathematics program to address the drop in student mathematics performance between grades 4 and 10.

- S 174aa
CS/S 174 **STATE INVESTMENT CHANGES [Passed S/Passed H]**, *Sen. Wirth* — makes administrative changes to limit the liability of the State Investment Council (SIC), State Investment Officer, and State Investment Office; eliminates the Private Equity Investment Advisory Committee; clarifies that operating budget funds to the SIC must be appropriated by the Legislature; and provides for indemnification. (May affect public schools)
- S 182 **INCORPORATE ARTS INTO K-12 EDUCATION**, *Sen. McSorley* — appropriates \$350,000 from the General Fund to the Public Education Department for expenditure in FY 16 and subsequent fiscal years to create regional centers throughout the state to provide support and opportunities for highly qualified arts educators to incorporate the arts into standards-based instruction in kindergarten through grade 12.
- S 183 **EMPLOYEE PREFERENCE ACT**, *Sen. Sharer* — creates the Employee Preference Act, provides for enforcement of and penalties for violation of the act, amends sections of the Public Employee Bargaining Act, prohibits mandatory labor organization membership or payment to a labor organization as a condition of public employment, and provides for severability. [Related to S 92, S 93, S 103, S 472, S 664, and CS/H 75]
- S 186 **RESTORE FUNDING FORMULA VOCATION DIFFERENTIAL**, *Sen. Lopez* — amends the Public School Finance Act to restore the vocational education funding differential to the public school funding formula.
- S 187 **PHYSICAL ED IN EQUALIZATION GUARANTEE**, *Sen. Lopez* — appropriates \$14.0 million from the General Fund to the State Equalization Guarantee for expenditure in FY 16 to fund physical education in public schools.
- *S 188a **RESIDENTIAL CHILD PLACEMENT IN HEALTH ACT**, *Sen. Beffort* — amends the Public Health Act and revises definitions to include certain residential placements for children.
- S 192 **SPECIAL PROSECUTOR FOR ELECTION VIOLATIONS**, *Sen. Ivey-Soto/Rep. Smith* — requires a special prosecutor to be appointed to investigate alleged violations of the Election Code or the Municipal Election Code.
- S 194aa **REQUIREMENTS FOR PROPOSING & CHANGING RULES [Passed S]**, *Sen. Ivey-Soto* — amends, repeals, and adds sections of the State Rules Act to create requirements for proposing, adopting, amending, or repealing rules; includes new definitions for “proposed rule,” “provide to the public,” and “rulemaking”; and lists requirements for proposed rulemakings, public comment, the maintenance of rulemaking records, emergency rulemaking procedures, conflicts between rule and statute, and the regular review of rules by agency.
- S 196 **DISCONTINUE COMMON CORE STANDARDS**, *Sen. Lopez* — creates a new section of the Public School Code to discontinue implementation of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and related assessments, provides requirements for the adoption or revision of curricular standards; requires withdrawal from the Partnership for the Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers, requires the use of assessments in place before adoption of the CCSS, prohibits certain agreements relating to assessments, appropriates \$50,000 from the General Fund to the Public Education Department for

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expenditure in FY 16 to fund public hearings, and appropriates \$50,000 from the General Fund to the LESC for expenditure in FY 16 to contract for a fiscal analysis of adoption and implementation of the CCSS.

- S 197 **HIGH SCHOOL WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM**, *Sen. Padilla* — creates the High School Water Management and Conservation Program pilot project, requires reporting for participating schools, and appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to the Public Education Department for expenditure in FY 16 and FY 17 to establish and implement the two-year program.
- S 198 **ACTIVITIES FOR OUT-OF-HOME CARE [Passed S]**, *Sen. Padilla* — amends and
CS/S 198 creates a new section of the Children’s Code to provide that children placed in out-of-
CS/CS/S 198a home care shall be permitted to participate in age-appropriate activities; and amends and
 creates a new section of the Abuse and Neglect Act to provide that a child may be
 permitted to participate in the development of the child’s transition plan as
 developmentally appropriate. (May affect public schools)
- S 202aa **PUBLIC EDUCATION DATA ADVISORY COUNCIL [Passed S]**, *Sen. Sapien* —
 creates the Public Education Data Advisory Council to advise, review, and report to the
 Public Education Department, the LESC, and the Legislative Finance Committee on the
 data and calculations used for school grades and teacher evaluations; and prescribes the
 membership.
- S 203a **CERTAIN STUDENTS TESTED IN NATIVE LANGUAGE**, *Sen. Sapien* — amends the
 Assessment and Accountability Act to allow limited English proficient students to be
 tested through the academic assessment program in the student’s primary language if one
 is available, and to allow certain students to be tested using a paper test.
- S 205 **DELAY USE OF CERTAIN TEST IN TEACHER EVALS**, *Sen. Sapien* — delays the use
 of student test scores on standards-based assessments for school years 2014-2015 and
 2015-2016 to determine annual school grades; and delays the use of student test scores on
 standards-based assessments for school years 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 for annual
 performance evaluations of licensed school employees.
- S 207 **PROHIBIT SOME EDUCATION FEES & ALLOW OTHERS**, *Sen. Brandt* — adds a new
CS/S 207a section of the Public School Code to provide that a school, local school board, or
 governing body of a charter school shall neither charge a registration fee to a student nor
 sanction a student or withhold a transcript, letter of reference, high school diploma or
 diploma of excellence from a student on the basis of unpaid school registration fees.
- S 208 **FRAUD AGAINST TAXPAYERS DEFINITIONS [Passed S/Passed H]**, *Sen. Payne*
CS/S 208 — amends the Fraud Against Taxpayers Act to clarify that the act applies to political
CS/CS/S 208 subdivisions and charter schools as well as the state; and adds the definition of a political
 subdivision.
- S 209 **NMSU SMART & MICROGRID DEVELOPMENT**, *Sen. Soules* — appropriates
 \$250,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of New Mexico State University
 for expenditure in FY 16 and subsequent years for the Southwest Technology

Development Institute to support the development and demonstration of smart grid, micro grid, and renewable energy technology. [Identical to H 14]

- S 210 GENERAL APPROPRIATION ACT OF 2015, *Sen. Smith* — creates the General Appropriation Act of 2015, appropriates funds and authorizes expenditures by state agencies required by law, and includes approximately \$3.07 billion for public school support. [Related to *S 638, CS/H 2a, and H 5]
- S 214 MOTOR VEHICLE TAX TO ROAD FUND, *Sen. Leavell* — changes the distribution of the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax from the General Fund to the State Road Fund over the course of four fiscal years, with 100 percent of Motor Vehicle Excise Tax revenue being distributed to the State Road Fund beginning on July 1, 2018. (May affect public schools)
- S 217 INDIVIDUAL CHOICE ON SOME SCHOOL TESTS, *Sen. Soules* — adds a new section to the Public School Code to allow a student’s parents to request a waiver from taking any department-approved assessment that is not factored into the student’s grade point average, sets the parameters that absence of assessment results shall not affect, and stipulates that the student’s absence on test day shall not affect the student’s attendance record. [Identical to H 129]
- S 219 EXPIRATION OF RULES, *Sen. Cotter* — creates a new section of the State Rules Act to require that, except for rules adopted by the Taxation and Revenue Department, all rules expire on July 1, 2020; and to require that any rule adopted thereafter shall expire on July 1 five years from the calendar year in which the rule was published in the New Mexico Register.
- S 223 PHASED MINIMUM TEACHER SALARY INCREASE, *Sen. Stewart* — appropriates approximately \$11.3 million from the General Fund to the State Equalization Guarantee for expenditure in FY 16 for teacher and principal salary increases for school year 2015-2016 and phases in, over five years, the minimum wage salaries for Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3-A teachers, and Level 3-B school principals or assistant principals. [Related to S 91, S 126aa, S 153a, S 223, H 71a, and FL/H 76a]
- S 224 EARLY LEARNERS EVENTS, *Sen. Stewart* — appropriates \$130,000 from the General Fund to the Children, Youth and Families Department for expenditure in FY 16 to fund professional development opportunities, family engagement events, and an exhibit at the State Capitol documenting the creativity and learning competence of participating children.
- S 225 INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL DEFINITIONS & CHANGES, *Sen. Stewart* — amends the Instructional Material Law to broaden the definition of instructional material; amends the timing for allocation of funds, and eliminates the provision requiring a textbook for each student. [Similar to H 146aa]
- S 228 PUBLIC SCHOOL ADJUNCT INSTRUCTORS, *Sen. Griggs* — adds a new section to the Public School Code to create the Adjunct Instructors Act, provides provisions for adjunct instructor certification, requires background checks, and exempts adjunct instructors from the School Personnel Act. [Identical to H 181a]

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- S 229 REMOVE REQUIREMENT FOR CERTAIN SCHOOL CLASSES, *Sen. Kernan* — removes the requirement that a student must earn one unit in an advanced placement or honors course, a dual credit course, or a distance learning course for graduation. (For the LESC)
- S 230 BREAKFAST AFTER THE BELL NAME & CHANGES, *Sen. Kernan* — renames the Breakfast after the Bell Program and allows schools to provide breakfast before or after the instructional day has begun. (For the LESC)
- S 234 LAND GRANT ETHNOHISTORY PROJECT, *Sen. Candelaria* — appropriates \$204,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico for expenditure in FY 16 for the Southwest Hispanic Research Institute to fund a Spanish and Mexican land grant project. [Related to H 471]
- S 235 WEST MESA HIGH SCHOOL HEALTH CLINIC, *Sen. Candelaria/Rep. Maestas* — appropriates \$150,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Health for expenditure in FY 16 to operate a school-based health clinic at West Mesa High School in Albuquerque. (For the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee)
- S 236a CHARTER SCHOOL LEASE APPROVAL [**Passed S**], *Sen. Beffort* — requires the Public School Capital Outlay Council to approve all charter school lease-agreements, if located within a school district facility, to develop and implement a standardized lease format, and requires a chartering authority to annually approve all charter school conflict-of-interest disclosure statements.
- S 237 LOCAL PRODUCE IN SCHOOL LUNCHESES, *Sen. Beffort* — appropriates \$160,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of New Mexico State University for expenditure in FY 16 and subsequent years to expand the program providing locally grown New Mexico fresh fruits and vegetables for public school lunch programs. [Related to S 415, H 96, and H 231]
- S 240 LIVE HORSE RACE GAMING TAX CREDIT, *Sen. Griego* — creates the Live Horse Race Gaming Tax Credit against the gaming tax of either \$7,500 or \$12,500 for each day live horse races are conducted at a licensed horse racing premises effective January 1, 2016; caps individual live horse race gaming tax credits at 75 percent of the taxpayers gaming tax liability and aggregate live horse race gaming tax credits at \$3.0 million per year; and requires annual reports from the Taxation and Revenue Department, with assistance from the State Racing Commission to the Revenue Stabilization and Tax Policy Committee and the Legislative Finance Committee, beginning in 2017. (May affect public schools) [Identical to H 200]
- S 255 VALENCIA COUNTY OFF-CAMPUS CENTER [**Passed S/Passed H**], *Sen. C. Sanchez* — authorizes the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico to create an off-campus instructional Center in Valencia County.
- S 257a CHARTER SCHOOLS & PUBLIC AUDIT CHANGES [**Passed S/Passed H**], *Sen. Ivey-Soto/Rep. JC Hall* — amends the Audit Act to include charter schools in the definition of agency and allows a component unit of a primary government entity to request, at the component unit's discretion, a separate audit from the primary entity; and

requires the auditor for the primary government entity to accept the audit performed by the auditor selected by the component unit. (For the LESC)

- S 261 INCREASE WORKING FAMILIES TAX CREDIT, *Sen. Candelaria* — increases the Working Families Tax Credit against personal income tax from 10 percent to 15 percent of the corresponding federal income tax credit over two years. (May affect public schools) [Identical to H 293]
- S 262 NMFA CONFLICT OF INTEREST PROVISION CHANGES, *Sen. Candelaria* — amends the conflict of interest provision of New Mexico Finance Authority Act to include any interest in a business that represents a client that has or is seeking a contract with the authority, and amends the Governmental Conduct Act to prohibit certain business transactions involving public officers and employees. (May affect public schools)
- S 263 AUDITOR RULES FOR EDUCATION POLICIES, *Sen. Morales* — creates a new section of the Audit Act to require the State Auditor to audit the Public Education Department and public schools concerning teacher evaluations, merit pay, and the A-B-C-D-F Schools Rating Act.
CS/S 263
- S 264 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE BARGAINING PUBLIC MEETINGS, *Sen. Payne* — amends the Public Employee Bargaining Act to require certain meetings to be open to the public and to require reasonable public notice prior to the time the meeting is scheduled.
- S 266 EXCLUDE CERTAIN COUNTIES FROM HOLD HARMLESS, *Sen. Muñoz* — adds a new section to the Gross Receipts and Compensating Tax Act to exclude counties that have not imposed a county hold harmless gross receipts tax from reductions to hold harmless payments to counties for the food and medical gross receipts tax deductions if the county has experienced growth in its average annual gross receipts tax base of less than 11.7 percent since July 1, 2014. (May affect public schools)
- S 273a CHARTER SCHOOL GOVERNANCE, *Sen. Brandt* — amends, repeals, and enacts sections of the Charter Schools Act relating to the governance of charter schools, including the membership and powers and duties of governing bodies, discipline policies, and the powers and duties of the head administrator. (For the LESC)
- S 279a SUSTAINABLE BUILDING TAX CREDITS [Passed S/Passed H], *Sen. Wirth/ Rep. CA Trujillo* — amends the Sustainable Building Tax Credit against personal and corporate income tax to reduce the amount of credit generated per square foot for residential sustainable buildings and creates separate aggregate annual caps for different classes of buildings, applicable to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2015; and creates the New Sustainable Building Tax Credit against personal and corporate income taxes, which includes water conservation requirements applicable to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2017. (May affect public schools)
CS/S 279
- S 280 WATER HARVESTING INCOME TAX CREDIT, *Sen. Wirth* — creates a credit of up to \$5,000 against personal income tax for the purchase and installation of a water harvesting system, applicable to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2015. (May affect public schools)

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- S 282 BRAIN EDUCATION ADVANCED LEARNING PROJECT, *Sen. Lopez* — appropriates \$200,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of New Mexico State University for expenditure in FY 16 to conduct a professional development pilot project to train public school teachers on a statewide basis in “brain education.”
- S 283a SCHOOL USE OF RESTRAINT & SECLUSION, *Sen. O’Neill/Rep. Smith* — adds a new
CS/S 283 section to the Public School Code to limit the use of restraint and seclusion of students; to define certain terms; to provide for notice to parents; to require school districts and charter schools to annually report all uses of restraint to the Public Education Department; and to require the department to publish the reports on its website.
- S 286 FORFEITED LOTTERY PRIZES TO TUITION FUND [**Passed S**], *Sen. M. Sanchez* — amends the New Mexico Lottery Act to require that forfeited lottery prizes be paid to the Lottery Tuition Fund.
- S 290a AUDITS OF CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECTS, *Sen. Cisneros* — creates a new section of the Audit Act to require special audits on all capital outlay projects receiving more than \$5.0 million in state money. (May affect public schools)
- S 296 EMPLOYER RECORDS & WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS COSTS, *Sen. Rue* — amends employment law to require an employer to keep a record of hours worked and wages paid to each employee for at least three years, and requires that the director of the Labor Relations Division of the Workforce Solutions Department not be required to pay court costs or fees in a wage claim action brought by the director.
- S 301 CREATE EARLY CHILDHOOD FUNDS, *Sen. Padilla* — creates the Early Education
CS/S 301a Endowment Fund to be invested by the State Investment Officer; revises the use of the Early Childhood Care and Education Fund; revises the duties of the state Early Learning Advisory Council (ELAC); requires ELAC to report on its work annually to the LESC and the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee; and appropriates the balance of all agency General Fund appropriations set for reversion to the Early Education Endowment Fund up to \$10 million per year, then to the Early Childhood Care and Education Fund up to \$10 million per year, and then to the General Fund.
- S 304aa EARLY CHILDHOOD BOOKS AND TOYS [**Passed S**], *Sen. Beffort* — requires that for FY 16, the Children, Youth and Families Department enter into an intergovernmental agreement with regional education cooperatives statewide to use \$200,000 in department funds for books and learning resources to be purchased and then loaned by the cooperatives on a prorated, per-student basis to providers of state-funded early childhood assistance programs.
- S 310 MUSIC FOR ABQ UNDERSERVED YOUTH, *Sen. Torraco* — appropriates \$48,000 from the General Fund to the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance and Administration for expenditure in FY 16 to provide access to concerts and music education programs to underserved youth in Albuquerque.
- S 316aa UNIFORMED SERVICE RETIREE TAX DEDUCTION [**Passed S**], *Sen. Burt* — allows a taxpayer who is a uniformed services retiree or the retiree’s surviving spouse to deduct military retirement income by 25 percent or up to \$12,500 from net income for the 2017

tax year, by 50 percent or up to \$25,000 from net income for the 2018 tax year, 75 percent or up to \$37,500 from net income for the 2019 tax year, and 100 percent or up to \$50,000 from net income for the 2020 tax year and subsequent years; and requires annual reports from the Taxation and Revenue Department to the Revenue Stabilization and Tax Policy Committee and the Legislative Finance Committee. (May affect public schools) [Similar to H 302]

- S 318a** **SUNSET DATES FOR CERTAIN AGENCIES [Passed S/Passed H]**, *Sen. Cisneros* — extends the sunset dates for certain agencies. (For the Legislative Finance Committee)
- S 324 NMHU NATIVE AMERICAN SOCIAL WORK INSTITUTE, *Sen. Shendo* — creates the Native American Social Work Studies Institute at the Albuquerque campus of New Mexico Highlands University (NMHU) and appropriates \$120,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of NMHU for expenditure in FY 16 to create the institute.
- S 326 REDUCE SEVERANCE TAX BONDING CAPACITY, *Sen. Ingle* — reduces the total capacity of severance tax bonds and supplemental severance tax bonds from 95 percent of prior year or estimated current year deposits into the Severance Tax Bonding Fund in FY 16 to 85 percent in FY 21. (May affect public schools)
- S 328 GRADUATION STANDARDS TO SCHOOL BOARDS, *Sen. Sapien* — amends the Public School Code to assign a local school board or the governing body of a charter school, rather than the Public Education Department, the responsibility of determining student competence standards for the New Mexico Diploma of Excellence.
- S 329aa** **SCHOOL LICENSURE RECIPROcity REQUIREMENTS [Passed S/Passed H]**, *Sen. Kernan* — amends the School Personnel Act to change minimum requirements for persons seeking licensure or reciprocity in elementary, special, early childhood, or secondary education, and increases the student teaching requirement prior to initial licensure effective July 1, 2016.
- S 331 LAS CRUCES SCHOOL JUVENILE PROBATION & PAROLE, *Sen. Cervantes* — appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to the Public Education Department for expenditure in FY 16 to establish a juvenile probation and parole officer position in the Las Cruces Public Schools.
- S 332 BORDER ZONE TRADE-SUPPORT GROSS RECEIPTS, *Sen. Cervantes* — creates a new eligibility period, between July 1, 2015 and before July 1, 2021, for trade-support companies in a border zone to locate in New Mexico to qualify for an existing deduction from gross receipts.
- S 337 SMALL BUSINESS INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT, *Sen. Campos* — creates the Small Business Investment Tax Credit of up to \$62,500 against personal income tax for qualified investments in New Mexico small businesses applicable to taxable years beginning January 1, 2015; allows small business investment tax credits in excess of a taxpayer's income tax liability to be carried forward for five years; and places an annual aggregate cap on small business investment tax credits of \$2.0 million. (May affect public schools)

- S 338 CAREER TECHNICAL STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS, *Sen. Campos* — appropriates \$400,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of Eastern New Mexico University for expenditure in FY 16 to support six career technical student organizations statewide.
- S 341a USE OF NURSE EDUCATORS FUND FOR DEGREE [Passed S/Passed H]**, *Sen. Campos* — allows any registered nurse who is or will be a nurse educator to use the Nurse Educators Fund to obtain a higher degree. [Identical to H 121a]
- S 342 RAISE STATE & STATE SCHOOL MINIMUM WAGE, *Sen. Campos* — changes the minimum wage or salary of every state employee and every person regularly employed at a state educational institution to a rate calculable at no less than \$10.10 per hour, except for student employees as defined by the Higher Education Department. [Related to S 10, S 350, S 432, SJR 9, H 20, H 138, and H 360]
- S 343 GUADALUPE COUNTY EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS, *Sen. Campos* — appropriates \$50,000 from the General Fund to the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance and Administration for expenditure in FY 16 to improve early childhood education programs in Guadalupe County.
- S 344 NORTHEASTERN NM EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS, *Sen. Campos* — appropriates \$150,000 from the General Fund to the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance and Administration for expenditure in FY 16 to improve early childhood education programs in various counties.
- S 347 NATURAL GAS MOTOR VEHICLE TAX CREDITS, *Sen. Moores* — allows receipts from the sale of natural gas motor vehicle equipment to be deducted from gross receipts in calculation of gross receipts tax due; exempts motor vehicles propelled by natural gas fuel from the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax; and creates a refundable credit against personal or corporate income tax of up to \$20,000 for the purchase or sale of natural gas motor vehicle equipment or up to \$3,000 for the purchase or sale of a natural gas motor vehicle. (May affect public schools) [Similar to H 512]
- CS/S 347
- S 349 STUDENT LOAN INTEREST TAX DEDUCTION, *Sen. Cervantes* — adds a new section of the Income Tax Act to create a deduction from income tax for interest paid on a student loan not to exceed \$2,000, and applies to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2015.
- S 350 INCREASE MINIMUM WAGE & INDEX TO INFLATION, *Sen. Campos* — increases the minimum wage rate for state employees to \$10.10 per hour, including employees of any contractor who contracts with a state agency and the contract is \$50,000 or more; and beginning July 1, 2016 requires the minimum wage rate to be increased annually at the cost-of-living rate. [Related S 10, S 342, S 432, SJR 9, H 20, H 138, and H 360]
- S 355 PURCHASE OF LOTTERY TICKETS WITH CARD **[Passed S]**, *Sen. Smith* — amends the New Mexico Lottery Act to allow lottery tickets to be purchased by debit card, allows the New Mexico Lottery Authority to contract certain procurement for a period of up to 10 years, requires the authority to transmit the net revenue from the sale of lottery games to
- CS/S 355

the Lottery Tuition Fund on a monthly basis, and requires the authority to transmit by the end of each July an amount that is no less than the amount that was transmitted in FY 15.

- S 357 HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY CREDENTIALS [Passed S/Passed H],** *Sen. Ivey-Soto/Rep. Espinoza* — replaces all terms relating to the General Education Development credential with the term “High School Equivalency Credential” throughout state law.
- S 361a **EXPAND SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY FOR INCARCERATED [Passed S],** *Sen. Torrace* — amends the Inmate Literacy Act to expand the opportunity for incarcerated individuals to earn a high school equivalency credential.
- S 362 **CHANGES TO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FUNCTIONS [Passed S],** *Sen. Ivey-Soto/Rep. McMillan* — amends sections of the Department of Health Act and the Public Health Act related to the State Health Improvement Plan and procedures related to identification, isolation, and treatment of persons with certain communicable diseases; requires the Department of Health to include the Legislature, other agencies, and commissions in the development of the State Health Improvement Plan; and strikes certain reporting, rulemaking, and patient’s rights in the Immunization Act. (May affect public schools)
- CS/S 362aa
- S 364a **MUNICIPAL & GENERAL ELECTION AT SAME TIME,** *Sen. M. Sanchez* — requires regular municipal elections to be held at the same time as general elections, makes corresponding changes in the Municipal Election Code, and uses the general election provisions if there is a conflict between the provisions governing the general election and those governing the municipal election.
- S 372 **DAMAGES FOR FAILURE TO REPORT ABUSE & NEGLECT,** *Sen. Candelaria* — amends sections of the Children’s Code and the Adult Protective Services Act to allow individuals who suffer injury due to abuse, neglect, or exploitation as a result of failure of a state agency or a law enforcement agency to investigate or intervene to obtain appropriate relief against the state or law enforcement agencies.
- S 373 **STUDENT LOAN INTEREST TAX DEDUCTION,** *Sen. Candelaria* — creates a deduction from net income in the calculation of personal income tax equal to the amount of student loan interest paid in a taxable year less the amount of student loan interest deducted pursuant to the federal income tax. (May affect public schools)
- S 378 **TEACHER & ADMIN DIFFERENTIAL PERFORMANCE,** *Sen. Sapien* — amends and creates sections of the Public School Code to establish a teacher and administrator evaluation system to include differential performance levels; establishes and prescribes the membership of an Educator Preparation and Effectiveness Council to advise and oversee the dissemination of rules for the new system; requires the council to complete the teacher and administrator evaluation system and provide its recommendations to the Public Education Department (PED), the LESC and the Legislative Finance Committee by July 1, 2016; voids all prior PED rules pertaining to teacher and administrator evaluation and teacher and administrator licensure levels on November 1, 2016; and establishes an effective teaching portfolio within the three-tiered licensure system.

- S 379
CS/S 379a **CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE ACCOUNTABILITY ACT [Passed S/Passed H]**,
Sen. Sapien/Rep. Larrañaga — adds a new section to the Children’s Code to create the Child Care Assistance Accountability Act; requires the Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) to establish the Child Care Assistance Accountability program; requires CYFD to convene a prescribed work group to develop an outcomes measurement plan to monitor outcomes for children and families receiving services through child-care assistance programs; requires the plan to be submitted to the Legislature, the Governor, and Early Learning Advisory Council by December 31, 2015, with a report submitted annually thereafter beginning December 31, 2016; and provides for rulemaking. (May affect public schools)
- S 380 **INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN FUND**, *Sen. Candelaria* — amends the Sexual Crimes Prosecution and Treatment Act to require sex offenders to pay a fee when registering as a sex offender with a county sheriff, creates the Internet Crimes against Children Fund, and appropriates all fees collected to the Fund. (For the Courts, Corrections, and Justice Committee) (May affect public Schools)
- S 381 **CARLOS VIGIL MEMORIAL ACT & BULLYING [Passed S/Passed H]**,
Sen. Candelaria — creates the Carlos Vigil Memorial Act and the Carlos Vigil Memorial Board to award grants to programs and services to eradicate bullying statewide; prescribes the board membership, creates the Eradicate Bullying Fund, and appropriates money in the fund to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico for disbursement to grant recipients selected by the board. [Related to S 393]
- S 384 **CAMPAIGN FINANCE DISCLOSURE**, *Sen. Wirth/Rep. Smith* — amends, repeals, and adds sections of the Election Code to require reporting of independent expenditures and covered transfers; redefines “political committee,” defines “advertisement,” “ballot measure,” “campaign expenditure,” “coordinated expenditure,” “independent expenditure,” and other terms; adjusts contribution and expenditure reporting requirements, limits, and thresholds; changes penalties; and provides penalties. (May affect public school boards) [Related to CS/H 278]
- S 385 **HEALTH UNDERGRADS IN UNDERSERVED AREAS**, *Sen. Ortiz & Pino* — appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of New Mexico Highlands University for expenditure in FY 16 to fund the recruitment and training of undergraduate students from small universities in healthcare careers. [Related to H 419a]
- S 387 **ENMU SCIENCE, TECH, MATH & HEALTH DEGREES**, *Sen. Ingle* — appropriates \$180,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of Eastern New Mexico University (ENMU) for expenditure in FY 16 to establish a program to enhance the number and success of students pursuing science, technology, engineering, and mathematics and health-related degrees at ENMU.
- S 388 **ENMU NURSING PROGRAM**, *Sen. Ingle* — appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of Eastern New Mexico University (ENMU) for expenditure in FY 16 for student scholarship support and faculty development for the Bachelor of Science in nursing program at ENMU.

- S 390a
CS/S 390 ALIGN SCHOOL CODE WITH ASSESSMENT PRACTICES, *Sen. Soules* — amends the Public School Code to allow students enrolled in an alternative, school-to-work setting to demonstrate competency in reading and mathematics using a national career readiness assessment or an armed forces vocational aptitude assessment. [Related to H 308a]
- S 391a EXTEND SOLAR MARKET DEVELOPMENT TAX CREDIT [Passed S/Passed H],**
Sen. Stewart — extends the period in which the purchase and installation of certain solar energy systems may qualify for the Solar Market Development Tax Credit from the end of 2016 to January 1, 2025. (May affect public schools)
- S 393 SAFE SCHOOLS FOR ALL STUDENTS ACT, *Sen. Soules* — adds new sections and repeals a section of the Public School Code to create the Safe Schools for All Students Act; requires the Public Education Department (PED) to promulgate rules that require school districts to develop, adopt and implement bullying prevention policies and programs by July 1, 2016; and requires PED to submit a report on its efforts to the LESC by February 1, 2016 and annually thereafter. [Related to S 381]
- S 394 INCREASE & INDEX GAS TAX FOR ROAD PROJECTS, *Sen. Smith* — increases the gasoline tax from \$0.17 per gallon to \$0.27 per gallon in FY 16, and indexes the tax rate to inflation beginning in FY 17; increases the Special Fuel Excise Tax from \$0.21 per gallon to \$0.31 per gallon in FY 16, and indexes the tax rate to inflation beginning in FY 17; reduces distributions of gasoline tax receipts to certain beneficiaries proportionately to the gasoline tax rate increase; and creates a distribution of gasoline tax receipts to counties and municipalities for use in road construction, repair, and maintenance projects. (May affect public schools)
- S 409 SANTA FE COMMUNITY COLLEGE AUTO PROGRAM, *Sen. Rodriguez* — appropriates \$300,000 from the General Fund to the Higher Education Department for expenditure in FY 16 to fund an automotive program at Santa Fe Community College.
- S 410 SANTA FE COMMUNITY COLLEGE RADIOGRAPHY TECH, *Sen. Rodriguez* — appropriates \$300,000 from the General Fund to the Higher Education Department for expenditure in FY 16 to fund a radiography technician program at Santa Fe Community College.
- S 411 NMHU INTERCOLLEGIATE WRESTLING PROGRAM, *Sen. Rodriguez* — appropriates \$200,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of New Mexico Highlands University for expenditure in FY 16 to fund the operational support of the intercollegiate wrestling program.
- S 413 ANGEL INVESTMENT MINIMUM & SUNSET, *Sen. C. Sanchez* — amends the Angel Investment Tax Credit to clarify the number of investments made by a taxpayer which may qualify for the credit, increases the aggregate annual cap on credits from \$750,000 per year to \$2.0 million per year, increases the carry forward of unused credits from three years to five years, and extends the sunset date of the credit from 2016 to 2025. (May affect public schools) [Identical to H 261]

- S 415 NM-GROWN PRODUCE IN SCHOOL MEALS, *Sen. Sapien* — appropriates \$1.44 million from the General Fund to the Public Education Department for expenditure in FY 16 and subsequent fiscal years for the purchase and distribution of New Mexico-grown fresh fruits and vegetables to school districts, charter schools, and juvenile detention centers through the department's school meal programs; and for a full-time position to administer the initiative. [Related to S 237, H 96, and H 231]
- S 416a SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION BOUNDARY AGREEMENTS [**Passed S**], *Sen. Muñoz* — adds a new section to the Public School Code to provide for temporary transportation boundary agreements between and among adjacent school districts, establishes procedures and criteria for temporary transportation boundary agreements, excludes students who attend out-of-district schools by choice from the transportation distribution, and creates a resolution process for boundary disputes. [Related to H 319a]
- S 417 REVIEW POLICIES FOR INSTITUTIONAL RACISM, *Sen. Lopez* — creates a new section of the Human Rights Act to require state agencies to review their policies and practices to ensure that they do not contribute to institutional racism, requires guidelines, provides for compliance review, and requires reporting by January 1, 2016.
- S 418a CHARTER SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY ELECTIONS, *Sen. M. Sanchez* — adds a section to the Charter Schools Act requiring that all governing bodies for charter schools be elected by the regular school board election by 2017; makes provisions for the selection, appointment, and terms of initial governing bodies until the next regular school board selection; and makes provisions for the selection and appointment of members to fill vacancies for unexpired terms.
- S 419a CABINET SECRETARY EVALUATION ACT, *Sen. M. Sanchez* — creates the Cabinet Secretary Evaluation Act; requires cabinet secretaries to be knowledgeable in the subject areas regulated and overseen by their departments and to meet any constitutional or statutory requirements, requires annual secretary effectiveness evaluations, provides powers and duties, requires testing, requires grading of cabinet departments, requires annual reporting by each cabinet department to the Legislature through the Legislative Finance Committee and other appropriate legislative committees on the results of the evaluations, and requires the Senate Rules Committee to hold hearings on a cabinet secretary who is rated as minimally effective or ineffective.
- S 420 SENIOR CITIZEN REDUCED TUITION ACT DEFINITION [**Passed S**], *Sen. M. Sanchez* — amends the Senior Citizens Reduced Tuition Act to change the age of a senior citizen to 60 from 65 years.
- *S 429a CHARTER SCHOOL FISCAL PERFORMANCE REPORTS [**Failed S**], *Sen. Soules* — creates a new section of the Charter Schools Act to require charter schools to submit annual fiscal performance reports to the Public Education Department (PED) and the chartering authority per an annual schedule established by PED, and requires the reports to be made available to the public.
- S 431a STUDENT ATHLETE BRAIN INJURY TRAINING [**Passed S**], *Sen. Soules* — amends the Public School Code to include student athletes in brain injury training, as well as

confirmation of training by signing a form which may be included on the student athlete sport physical form. [Related to S 492]

- S 432 INCREASE MINIMUM WAGE & ANNUAL INCREASES, *Sen. Soules* — increases the minimum wage to \$8.80 per hour from \$7.50 per hour beginning January 1, 2016, then to \$10.10 per hour beginning January 1, 2017; increases the minimum wage annually on January 1, 2018 and subsequent years based on percentage increases in the consumer price index (CPI); and provides that the minimum wage shall not be adjusted downward as the result of a decrease in the CPI. [Related to S 10, S 342, S 350, SJR 9, H 20, H 138, and H 360]
- S 433 **INCLUDE E-CIGARETTES IN TOBACCO PRODUCTS ACT [Passed S/Passed H]**,
CS/S 433a *Sen. Ryan* — amends the Tobacco Products Act to change the title of the act to the “Tobacco Products, E-Cigarette and Nicotine Liquid Container Act”; adds definitions; prohibits sales of e-cigarettes and nicotine liquid containers to minors; requires nicotine liquid containers to be sold in child-resistant packaging; prohibits the online Internet sale of e-cigarettes and nicotine liquid containers to a minor in New Mexico; provides penalties; and requires the Public Education Department to revise its tobacco, alcohol, and drug free school districts policy to include e-cigarettes and nicotine liquid containers.
- S 436 SCHOOL HEALTH CENTERS IN RESTRICTED NETWORKS, *Sen. Candelaria* — amends and creates sections in the Preferred Provider Arrangements Law, the Health Maintenance Organization Law, and the Nonprofit Health Care Plan Law to require that school-based health centers be included in restricted networks.
- S 443 TEACHER CAREER ACADEMY ACT, *Sen. Morales* — adds a new section in the Public School Code to create the Teacher Career Academy Act to increase the number of high-achieving students who enter the teaching profession by recruiting students in grades 6-12; requires the Public Education Department (PED), the Higher Education Department, teacher preparation programs, and community colleges to develop concurrent enrollment teaching courses; requires PED to establish an application and a funding award process; creates the Teacher Career Academy Fund; and appropriates \$500,000 from the General Fund to the Teacher Career Academy Fund for expenditure in FY 16 and subsequent fiscal years to carry out the purposes of the act.
- S 444 ALTERNATIVE TEACHER LICENSURE PROGRAM, *Sen. Ryan* — appropriates \$250,000 from the General Fund to the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance and Administration for expenditure in FY 16 for the Mid-region Council of Governments to contract with community-based organizations to develop and implement alternative licensure teacher training.
- S 445 GOV’T LITERACY AS ELECTIVE & DUAL CREDIT **[Passed S]**, *Sen. Muñoz* — amends the laws pertaining to higher education institutions to require the Higher Education Department and the Public Education Department to offer an interactive government literacy course as an elective in the Dual Credit Program. [Identical to H 345]
- S 446a **INTERSTATE DISTANCE EDUCATION ACT [Passed S/Passed H]**, *Sen. Sapien* — amends the provisions for higher education institutions to create the Interstate Distance Education Act to facilitate student participation in distance education, authorizes the

Higher Education Department (HED) to establish and oversee the Interstate Education Program, requires HED to provide an application form for postsecondary institution participation in the program, requires HED to monitor compliance of program participation, and exempts out-of-state proprietary schools from participation in the program.

- S 448a** **MILITARY ACQUISITION GROSS RECEIPTS END DATES [Passed S/Passed H]**, *Sen. Burt* — defers the sunset date for the deduction of gross receipts for certain military acquisition programs to June 30, 2025; and requires the Taxation and Revenue Department to compile and present an annual report on the deduction no later than December 1 of each year that the deduction is in effect to the Revenue Stabilization and Tax Policy Committee and the Legislative Finance Committee. (May affect public schools)
- S 456 DUTY TO REPORT SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE, *Sen. Torraco* — amends the Children’s Code to clarify language describing the duty of every person to report known or suspected child abuse or neglect and expands the scope of the reporting requirement to include abuse or neglect committed by a person other than a parent, guardian, or custodian. [Similar to *H 29a]
- *S 457 AUDIT RESOURCES FOR STUDENT ASSESSMENTS, *Sen. Cervantes* — adds a new section to the Assessment and Accountability Act to require the Public Education Department (PED) to conduct an audit of all resources used in school year 2015-2016 on all national, state, and school district student assessments; outlines the data to be audited; and requires PED to make recommendations on how to make the assessments cost effective, time efficient, more supportive of teaching and learning, better aligned with the curriculum, and more focused on student and teacher growth. [Identical to *H 315]
- S 460 FAMILY INFANT TODDLER PROVIDER RATE INCREASE, *Sen. Morales* — appropriates \$8.2 million from the General Fund to the Department of Health for expenditure in FY 16 to fund provider rate increases to infant toddler services and fund rate increases as a result of regulatory requirements implemented.
- S 462 COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD MEMBER EMPLOYMENT [**Passed S**], *Sen. Rodriguez* — amends the Community College Act to prohibit any community college board member elected or appointed after July 1, 2015 to be employed by the community college governed by that board.
- S 468 READING SUCCESS ACT, *Sen. Sapien* — repeals and adds new sections to the Public School Code to create the Reading Success Act, requires baseline assessment data on reading proficiency for students in grades K-8, provides interventions and differentiated remediation measures for students who do not demonstrate reading proficiency, provides promotion and retention options, requires reporting to the Legislature, requires school districts to maintain intervention files, and appropriates \$25.0 million from the General Fund to the State Equalization Guarantee for distribution in FY 16 to implement the provisions of the act. [Similar to S 66 and H 41aa]
- S 470 ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER TEACHER PREP ACT, *Sen. Soules* — adds multiple new sections of law pertaining to higher education to create the English Language Learners Teacher Preparation Act; provides powers and duties; provides for applicant

qualifications; provides for fellowships, and allows for repayment through service for fellowship stipends; requires the Higher Education Department (HED), in consultation with the Public Education Department (PED), to conduct and publish a biennial survey of all postsecondary educational institutions that offer courses, certificates or degrees in education, and issue a report; requires each of the institutions to submit an annual plan to HED and PED to meet the needs of the state's culturally and linguistically diverse student population; creates the English Language Learners Teacher Preparation Fund, and appropriates \$750,000 from the General Fund to the English Language Learners Teacher Preparation Fund for expenditure in FY 16 and subsequent fiscal years to provide grants pursuant to the provisions of the act. [Identical to H 373]

- S 472 GOV'T ENTITIES & EMPLOYEE BARGAINING, *Sen. Beffort* — amends the Public Employee Bargaining Act to exempt certain governmental entities, including the government of an Indian nation, tribe, or pueblo and municipalities, and counties with a population of less than 5,000 residents; and amends the decertification of a labor organization's requirements. [Related to S 92, S 93, S 103, S 183, S 664, and CS/H 75]
- S 477 FRONTIER COMMUNITY INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT, *Sen. Campos* — creates a nonrefundable credit of up to \$25,000 per qualified frontier community investment against personal or corporate income tax that may be carried forward for up to three years, with a maximum aggregate annual cap of \$750,000 in credits. (May affect public schools)
- S 481a NAMING OF PUBLIC FACILITIES, *Sen. Moores* — creates a new section of law to prohibit the naming of public facilities after a public official who has been convicted of a felony, and requires the Secretary of General Services to appoint a naming committee to develop a list of at least three names for consideration by the Secretary and the Governor for facilities under control of the General Services Department.
- S 485 LIMIT PROPERTY VALUATION INCREASES, *Sen. Neville* — limits increases in the valuation of residential property to 110 percent of the prior year's value, phased in over three years; and removes certain provisions for the revaluation of property to current and correct values upon transfer of ownership. (May affect public schools)
- S 488 COLLEGE AFFORDABILITY ENDOWMENT FUND, *Sen. Candelaria/Rep. Romero* — appropriates \$1.0 million from the General Fund to the College Affordability Endowment Fund for expenditure in FY 16 and subsequent fiscal years to carry out the purposes of the fund. [Identical to H 401]
- S 490 PROCUREMENT CODE GENDER EQUITY, *Sen. Stewart* — amends the Procurement Code to provide for gender equity by requiring a business seeking to provide goods or services to a public body to provide information sufficient to determine if the business's wages and salaries paid to its employees are gender equitable and provides for additional points in the request for proposal process if gender equity is demonstrated.
- S 492 STUDENT ATHLETE BRAIN INJURY SAFETY PROTOCOLS, *Sen. M. Sanchez* — amends and creates a new section of the Public School Code to provide enhanced safety protocols to protect student athletes and youth who participate in nonscholastic youth athletic activities from brain injury. [Related to S 431a]

- S 496 CAREER TECH EDUCATION COURSES AS ELECTIVES [**Passed S**], *Sen. Sapien* — amends the Public School Code to allow students to receive credit for certain career technical education courses as electives and defines certain career technical education terms. [Similar to H 178a]
- S 497 QUANTIFIABLE DATA IN TEACHER EVALUATIONS, *Sen. Sapien* — amends the School Personnel Act to require that quantifiable data relating to a teacher’s performance account for at least 30 percent of the teacher’s overall evaluation.
- S 500 SIZE ADJUSTMENT FACTOR FOR CERTAIN SCHOOLS, *Sen. Muñoz* — amends the Public School Finance Act to provide additional program units for school districts with one or more large high schools in an urban area and have at least five high schools located 20 or more miles from the district’s central administrative office in rural areas. [Identical to H 417]
- S 502 U.S. DEPT. OF DEFENSE ENERGY GROSS RECEIPTS, *Sen. Muñoz* — provides a deduction in the Gross Receipts and Compensating Tax Act for the sale of goods and services to the US Department of Defense related to directed energy or satellites during the period from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2025, and requires annual reports from the Taxation and Revenue Department to the Revenue Stabilization and Tax Policy Committee and the Legislative Finance Committee beginning in 2022. (May affect public schools) [Identical to H 94]
- S 504 UNM GEOSPATIAL & POPULATION STUDIES PROGRAM, *Sen. Ortiz y Pino* — appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico for expenditure in FY 16 through FY 18 to fund ongoing research related to poverty through the Geospatial and Population Studies program.
- S 506a **DISABLED VETERAN PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS [Passed S/Passed H]**, *Sen. Payne* — provides that a disabled veteran’s property tax exemption may remain on subsequently transferred property for the remainder of the year or may be attached to new property beginning on or after January 1, 2016.
- S 511 DWI FOR ANY ALCOHOL IN PEOPLE UNDER 21, *Sen. Muñoz* — requires driver’s license revocation pursuant to the Implied Consent Act when the blood or breath of a driver less than 21 years of age contains any detectable alcohol concentration, and requires commercial driver’s license disqualification for any person less than 21 years of age whose blood or breath tested pursuant to the Implied Consent Act contains any detectable alcohol concentration.
- S 512 NO LOBBYING FOR FORMER PUBLIC OFFICIALS, *Sen. O’Neill* — creates a new section of the Lobbyist Regulation Act to prohibit former statewide elected officials, former public regulation commissioners, former legislators, and former cabinet secretaries from accepting compensation as lobbyists for a period of two years after their service; prohibits employers of lobbyists from compensating former statewide elected officials, former public regulation commissioners, former legislators, and former cabinet secretaries as lobbyists for a period of two years after service; and imposes a penalty.

- S 513
CS/S 513 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUFFOCATION & STRANGULATION, *Sen. Ivey-Soto/ Rep. Cook* — adds the definitions of “suffocation” and “strangulation” to the Family Violence Protection Act, the Crimes Against Household Members Act and the Abuse and Neglect Act; adds “suffocation” and “strangulation” to the definition of “physical abuse,” in the Abuse and Neglect Act, and to the definition of “domestic abuse” in the Family Violence and Protection Act; and clarifies that the crime of aggravated battery against a household member by suffocation or strangulation is a fourth degree felony.
- *S 518 CHARTER SCHOOL ENROLLMENT POLICIES, *Sen. Candelaria* — amends the Charter Schools Act to prohibit charter schools from discriminating in their enrollment policies on any basis that would be illegal if practiced by a public school or school district and requires any lottery process or waiting list to be administered by the Public Education Commission.
- S 521 LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HOME SCHOOL, *Sen. Pirtle* — amends the Legislative Lottery Tuition Scholarship Act to allow students who are home schooled or complete a nonpublic school primary educational program to qualify for Legislative Lottery Tuition Scholarships; and eliminates the requirement that a private school from which a student graduates be accredited. [Identical to H 429]
- S 526 SCHOOL DISTRICT FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS [**Passed S**], *Sen. Lopez* — creates the Family and Community Engagement Act to ensure that family and community engagement programs in public schools are properly designed and implemented; prescribes goals of the programs; requires each local school board, in conjunction with parents, teachers, administrators, and community partners, to establish a family and community engagement program for each school in the district and to review and report annually on the program’s progress; requires the Public Education Department to establish structures and positions to promote genuine family and community engagement; and prescribes six standards for family-school partnerships.
- S 532 WIN WITH WELLNESS SCHOOL PROJECT, *Sen. Ortiz y Pino* — adds a new section to the Public School Code to implement the Win with Wellness pilot project to explore the feasibility of a wellness curriculum in public schools; requires the Public Education Department (PED), before June 30, 2015, to appoint a curriculum development leader, who is to select personnel from PED and from the Department of Health to serve on an ad hoc committee to design materials for the Win with Wellness curriculum; prescribes components of the curriculum; requires the completion of a lesson design by October 15, 2015; and appropriates \$75,000 to PED for FY 16 to conduct the pilot project.
- S 533 SEVERANCE TAX FUND IN NM CREDIT UNIONS, *Sen. Candelaria* — amends the Severance Tax Bonding Act to require that at least 5.0 percent of the value of cash holdings of the Severance Tax Permanent Fund be deposited in New Mexico credit unions, among other New Mexico financial institutions; and amends the definition of the term “financial institution” to mean a bank or savings and loan association that is “chartered in New Mexico only” (May affect public schools)
- S 548 PRIVATE COLLEGE SURETY BOND INCREASE, *Sen. Sapien* — amends the Post-Secondary Educational Institution Act and the Out-of-State Proprietary School Act to

increase the minimum surety bond amount for private postsecondary institutions to no less than \$1.5 million.

- S 558 USE OF LEAVE & TEACHER EVALUATIONS, *Sen. Candelaria* — amends the School Personnel Act to provide that leave taken pursuant to the federal Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 will not affect a teacher’s performance evaluation under the statewide standard of evaluation for teachers.
- *S 559 EARLY CHILDHOOD PROVIDER BENEFIT INCENTIVES, *Sen. Candelaria* — amends the Early Childhood Care and Education Fund to require the Children, Youth and Families Department to adopt rules allowing for reimbursement incentives to early childhood care and education providers that meet certain criteria. [Identical to *H 541]
- S 560 SCHOOL REMEDIATION & PROMOTION POLICIES, *Sen. Sapien* — makes technical amendments to the Assessment and Accountability Act; and creates a new section in the Public School Code requiring school districts to provide the Public Education Department (PED) an annual professional development plan for teachers, requiring school districts to provide data in their annual Accountability Reports regarding reading remediation and promotion, and requiring PED to report to the LESC on data derived from the Accountability Reports from each school district. [Related to H 41, S 66, and S 468]
- S 561 CORPORATE TAX FOR PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS, *Sen. Candelaria* — creates the Preschool Program Act and requires the Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) to promulgate rules to carry out the provisions of the act; creates the Preschool Program Fund to increase access to preschool programs; creates a new section of the Corporate Income and Franchise Tax Act to impose the corporate low wage tax to make an appropriation to CYFD to carry out the purpose of the act; and repeals a section of the Public School Code pertaining to childhood education programs. [Identical to H 495]
- S 562 TEACHER EVALUATION USE OF DATA, *Sen. Soules* — amends the School Personnel Act to require the Public Education Department to establish requirements for the use of relevant data that are effective, appropriate, and comprehensive in the annual performance evaluation system for teacher and school administrators.
- S 563 INCREASE SCHOOL HOURS & DAYS, *Sen. Cervantes* — amends the Public School
CS/S 563 Code to increase the minimum instructional hours and days in a school year for students in grades K-6 and changes the Cost Differential Factor for the basic program units.
- S 564 TRIBAL COLLEGE DUAL CREDIT PROGRAM FUND, *Sen. Pinto* — appropriates \$500,000 from the General Fund to the Tribal College Dual Credit Program Fund for expenditure in FY 16 to compensate tribal colleges for foregone revenue due to the waiver of tuition and fees.
- S 568 GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN, *Sen. Martinez* — appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to the Aging and Long-Term Services Department for expenditure in FY 16 and subsequent fiscal years for the purpose of providing supportive services to grandparents raising grandchildren. [Related to SM 104 and HM 8]

- S 570 STANDARDS-BASED CONTENT STANDARDS & DELAY, *Sen. McSorley* — adds new sections in the Public School Code to create standards for the implementation of the state content standards and standards-based assessment; places a three-year moratorium on the use of the standards-based assessment for promotion policies in the Assessment and Accountability Act, the A-B-C-D-F Schools Rating Act, and the School Personnel Act; and places a three-year moratorium on the use of the standards-based assessment as a graduation requirement. [Related to H 177]
- S 574 INCREASE COMMUNITY SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS, *Sen. Ortiz y Pino* — appropriates \$500,000 from the General Fund to the Public Education Department for expenditure in FY 16 to increase the number of schools participating in the community school partnership in Albuquerque Public Schools.
- S 577 INSURANCE CODE TAX, FEE AND OTHER CHANGES [**Passed S**], *Sen. Leavell* —
CS/S 577 amends sections of the New Mexico Insurance Code and the Medical Insurance Pool Act
CS/CS/S 577 to change penalty enforcement provisions and to include student policies relating to individual health insurance; enacts changes in provisions relating to premium taxes; amends the Insurance Fraud Act to establish a fee payment deadline and late payment penalty; removes higher education institutional policies and contracts from New Mexico Insurance Code provisions relating to blanket health insurance; amends a section of the Minimum Healthcare Protection Act to provide the Superintendent of Insurance with extended time to review insurer marketing proposals; amends a section of the law for regulation of credit life insurance and credit health insurance to provide the Superintendent of Insurance with extended time to review insurer forms; and establishes penalties.
- S 581 NAT’L BOARD CERTIFICATION TO TEACHER T & E [**Passed S**], *Sen. Cisneros* — amends the Public School Finance Act to allow for a factor on the instructional staff training and experience index table for teachers certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.
- S 582 RIO GRANDE BOSQUE ECOSYSTEM MONITORING SYSTEM, *Sen. Sapien* — appropriates \$150,000 from the General Fund to the Public Education Department for expenditure in FY 16 for Las Cruces Public Schools to support the Rio Grande bosque ecosystem monitoring program efforts.
- S 587 SCHOOL EDUCATION PARENTS’ BILL OF RIGHTS, *Sen. C. Sanchez* — adds new sections to the Public School Code to create the Parents’ Bill of Rights in Public School Education Act, which provide specific rights to parents regarding the education of their child.
- S 588 LOANS TO SOCIAL WORKERS & PSYCHOLOGISTS, *Sen. C. Sanchez* — appropriates \$200,000 from the General Fund to the Higher Education Department for expenditure in FY 16 to grant student loans to social workers and psychologists willing to serve in counties designated as health professional shortage areas.
- S 592 PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY USES, *Sen. Muñoz* — amends the Severance Tax Bonding Act to define “school building” and “public school building” within certain articles of the Public School Code, amends the Public School Capital Outlay Act to require expenditures from the Public School Capital Outlay Fund for debt service or loan

payments for certain school districts, permits issuance of supplemental severance tax bonds for those expenditures, and appropriates expenditures from the Public School Capital Outlay Fund from FY 16 through FY 20 for debt service payments on revenue bonds issued by Gallup-McKinley County Schools up to \$3.0 million per year and loan payments for the Zuni Public School District up to \$1.0 million per year. [Identical to H 490]

- S 595 PEER-HELPING HIGH SCHOOL SUICIDE PREVENTION, *Sen. Pinto* — appropriates \$51,000 from the General Fund to the Indian Affairs Department for expenditure in FY 16 to support a suicide prevention program in public high schools in Native American communities in northwestern New Mexico.
- S 597 HIGHER ED FACULTY MEMBER SALARY PARITY, *Sen. Morales* — adds new sections to statute governing public postsecondary institutions to require each institution to develop work duty specifications for faculty, conduct faculty annual job performance evaluations, and compensate faculty based on duties and performance; and creates the Faculty Compensation Parity Fund at each institution to carry out compensation parity, and requires each institution to transfer a sufficient amount to the fund from their legislative appropriations beginning in FY 18.
- S 598 RIO RANCHO TEEN COURT PROGRAM, *Sen. Brandt* — appropriates \$40,000 from the Juvenile Adjudication Fund to the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance and Administration for expenditure in FY 16 to operate and administer a teen court program in Rio Rancho.
- S 602 EQUALIZATION GUARANTEE & FEDERAL FUNDS, *Sen. Muñoz* — amends the Public School Finance Act to eliminate Impact Aid funds from the State Equalization Guarantee. [Related to H 492a]
- S 603 CHANGE COMMON CONVENIENCE COLLEGE NAME, *Sen. Cisneros* — amends statutes governing postsecondary institutions to change the name of Northern New Mexico College to Northern New Mexico University.
- S 605aa INDEX CHARTER SCHOOL HEAD ADMIN SALARY, *Sen. M. Sanchez* — amends the Charter Schools Act to require that the compensation of a charter school head administrator, charter management organization, or any other entity that provides educational, management or consulting services, products or technology cannot exceed the lesser of 80 percent of the local superintendent's salary and benefits or 110 percent of the average salary and benefits of school principals in the school district where the charter school is located.
- S 606 RESTRICT WORK HOURS ON SCHOOL NIGHTS, *Sen. Soules* — amends the Child Labor Act to provide that a child who is 16 to 18 years of age shall not be employed before 7:00 a.m. or after 10:00 p.m. on a day that precedes an instructional day at the school in which the child is enrolled.
- S 607 CREATE EARLY LEARNING DEPT., *Sen. Morales* — creates the Early Learning Department Act to create the Early Learning Department as a cabinet department; prescribes the duties, powers, and responsibilities of the department and the appointed

secretary; amends sections of Public School Code to move the Even Start Family Literacy Program to the Early Learning Department at the Public Education Department (PED); amends sections of the Children's Cabinet Act and the Pre-Kindergarten Act; divides any money appropriated for pre-kindergarten programs equally between public schools and private providers, removing such appropriations from PED and the Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD); and amends the Early Childhood Care and Education Act and the Home Visiting Accountability Act to transfer all functions, personnel, appropriations, money, property, contractual obligations, and references pertaining to early childhood care and education to the Early Learning Department at CYFD. [Identical to H 547]

- S 611 GOOD FAITH REPORTS OF CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT, *Sen. Torraco* — amends the Abuse and Neglect Act to clarify that a person who makes a good faith report of child neglect or abuse is immune from civil liability, whether or not the abuse was committed by a parent, guardian, or custodian.
- S 612 TEACHER SCHOOL SUPPLY PURCHASE TAX DEDUCTION, *Sen. Brandt/Rep. Harper* — adds a new section to the Income Tax Act to provide a deduction from net income to licensed public school teachers for school supplies purchased for use in the classroom for educational purposes.
- S 616 STATE FUND REVIEW & RECOMMENDATIONS, *Sen. Rue* — creates a new statute to require the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) to establish a schedule to review all special funds that do not revert to the General Fund; to exempt certain funds; to make recommendations for continuance, reversion, repeal, or amend; and to report their recommendations annually to the Legislative Finance Committee and other appropriate interim committees by November 1 of each year.
- S 617a ELECTION CODE CHANGES [**Passed S**], *Sen. Ivey-Soto/Rep. Smith* — amends, repeals, and creates sections of the Election Code to assign prosecutorial duties; prohibits proxy voting; allows use of county clerk employees as election clerks; requires sufficient staff and equipment at polling locations; sets, clarifies, and standardizes processes, dates and deadlines; provides definitions; allows access by county clerks to the driver's license database; permits party committee appointments according to party rules; prescribes the order of offices on the ballot; exempts certain voting records from the Inspection of Public Records Act until after all recounts, contests, and canvassing are completed; ensures that mistaken cancellation of registration will not void a provisional ballot, restricts the holding of other elections within 50 days of a general election; prescribes recount procedures; provides standards for consolidated precincts; authorizes school boards to set the times for alternate voting locations; requires elections for changing the number of school board members to be held during a regular school election; updates forms; and provides for a penalty.
- S 623 PHASE IN HIGHER INCOME SUPPLEMENTAL TAX, *Sen. Stewart* — imposes a supplemental personal income tax on taxpayers with annual income greater than \$100,000 individually or \$150,000 for married taxpayers filing jointly at a rate of 0.3 percent beginning in taxable year 2016, phased in over four years until the rate is 1.0 percent beginning in taxable year 2019. (May affect public schools)

- S 627 YOUTH WORK FORCE CURRICULA, *Sen. Sapien* — appropriates \$75,000 from the General Fund to the Economic Development Department for expenditure in FY 16 to purchase and implement hands-on curricula related to workforce readiness, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy. [Related to H 533]
- S 636 EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS, *Sen. Campos* — appropriates \$10.0 million from the General Fund to the Public Education Department for expenditure in FY 16 for early childhood programs.
- S 637 ADULT BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAMS, *Sen. Campos* — appropriates \$2.5 million from the General Fund to the Higher Education Department for expenditure in FY 16 for Adult Basic Education programs.
- *S 638 EDUCATION APPROPRIATION ACT, *Sen. Soules* — creates the Education Appropriation Act and appropriates approximately \$2.7 billion in recurring appropriations for public school support and K-12 education-related programs, including the Public Education Department budget; and \$4.0 million in a nonrecurring appropriation for Emergency Supplemental funding to help school districts experiencing budget shortfalls. [Related to S 210, CS/H 2a, and H 5]
- S 640 NEW PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA, *Sen. Stewart* — amends statute to phase in a new public school funding formula: that incorporates four measures of student need, namely poverty, English language learners, special education, and mobility; that recognizes costs associated with school district and school size; and that is based on the concept of educational sufficiency in that it enables schools and districts to provide a comprehensive instructional program, including gifted education, designed to meet the needs of all students.
- S 641 NO STATE AGENCY FUNDS WITHOUT AUDITS, *Sen. Morales* — creates a new section of law to require each state agency to have a current audit with no material weaknesses or significant deficiencies before a budget for the succeeding fiscal year is approved or before General Fund or capital outlay funds are released for the state agency; and requires the State Auditor to provide the Department of Finance and Administration with a release for budget form stating that a state agency is current with its audits and the audits have no material weaknesses or significant deficiencies.
- S 656 RAISE GAS TAX & CREATE ROAD MAINTENANCE FUND, *Sen. Smith* — increases the gasoline tax from the current \$0.17 per gallon to \$0.22 per gallon in FY 20, phases in additional increases of the gasoline tax to \$0.27 over the following five fiscal years, and indexes the tax rate to inflation beginning in FY 26; increases the Special Fuel Excise Tax from the current \$0.21 per gallon to \$0.26 per gallon in FY 19, phases in additional increases of the special fuel excise tax to \$0.31 over the following five fiscal years, and indexes the tax rate to inflation beginning in FY 26; reduces distributions of gasoline tax receipts to certain beneficiaries proportionately to the gasoline tax rate increase; and creates a distribution of gasoline tax receipts to counties and municipalities for use in road construction, repair, and maintenance projects. (May affect public schools)

- S 657 LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIP AS FULL SCHOLARSHIP, *Sen. M. Sanchez* — amends the Lottery Tuition Scholarship Act to make full tuition scholarships to students who demonstrate financial need.
- S 658 MILITARY COMBAT VETERAN SCHOLARSHIP ACT, *Sen. M. Sanchez* — adds a new section to laws governing public postsecondary institutions to create the Military Combat Veteran Scholarship Act, to provide qualification criteria for granting scholarships, and to create a Military Combat Veteran Scholarship Fund in each public postsecondary institution to carry out the provisions of the act.
- S 659 ENMU SKILLSUSA PROGRAM, *Sen. Muñoz* — appropriates \$25,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of Eastern New Mexico University for expenditure in FY 16 and subsequent years to support the SkillsUSA program. [Identical to H 553]
- S 661a ED FACILITY & CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK, *Sen. Cervantes* — amends multiple sections of the Procurement Code and law pertaining to public works contracts to remove the educational facility restrictions from the Educational Facility Construction Manager At Risk Act and rename it the Construction Manager At Risk Act; and adds rulemaking requirements.
- S 662 ART SALE AT AUCTIONS GROSS RECEIPTS, *Sen. Payne* — exempts receipts from the sale of fine art sold to an out-of-state bidder at an auction within the municipality of Santa Fe from the gross receipts tax. (May affect public schools)
- S 664 EMPLOYEE PREFERENCE ACT, *Sen. Ingle* — creates the Employee Preference Act, provides for enforcement of and penalties for violation of the act, amends sections of the Public Employee Bargaining Act, prohibits mandatory labor organization membership or payment to a labor organization as a condition of public employment, provides for severability, and increases the minimum wage to \$8.00 per hour from \$7.50 per hour, except for trainee employees, who shall be paid a minimum wage of \$7.50 per hour during the training period, but for no longer than six months from the date of hire. [Related to S 92, S 93, S 103, S 183, S 472, and CS/H 75]
- S 668a CHILD CARE LICENSURE RECOGNITION, *Sen. Morales* — amends a section of the Children, Youth and Families Department Act regarding acceptable accrediting bodies for child-care centers and home-based child-care providers including Montessori accrediting bodies, defines “Montessori,” and provides that an early childhood teaching certificate issued by an accrediting body recognized by the US Department of Education is equivalent to a child development certificate recognized by the New Mexico professional system. [Related to H 281]
- *S 672 CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION COMMISSION, *Sen. Cervantes* — creates an Independent Constitutional Revision Commission pursuant to Article 19, Section 1 of the constitution of New Mexico; prescribes the membership and its powers and duties, including the study of the constitutions of New Mexico and other states to recommend changes to the constitution of New Mexico, as necessary; requires the commission to report its findings to the Governor and each legislator of the Second Session of the Fifty-second Legislature; and appropriates \$100,000 from the Legislative Council cash balances

to the Legislative Council Service for expenditure in FY 15 and FY 16 to carry out the purposes of the act.

- S 675 TRUTH IN POLITICAL ADVERTISING ACT, *Sen. Morales* — creates the Truth in Political Advertising Act, requires all campaign advertisements for non-judicial statewide elections and legislative elections to be submitted to two review agencies to be rated on the truthfulness of the advertisement, establishes penalties, and appropriates \$5.0 million from the General Fund to the Attorney General for expenditure in FY 16 and subsequent fiscal years to carry out the purposes of the act.
- S 689 NO CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMITS, *Sen. M. Sanchez* — repeals a section of the
CS/S 689 Election Code to eliminate campaign contribution limits.
- S 691 STANDARDIZED TEST PARTICIPATION RATES, *Sen. Morales* — creates a new
*CS/S 691a section in the Assessment and Accountability Act, the A-B-C-D-F Schools Rating Act, and the School Personnel Act to eliminate the participation rate requirement for student assessments, student or parent surveys, licensed school employee evaluations, or any other measures employed in the A-B-C-D-F school grading system during school years 2014-2015 and 2015-2016.
- S 722 HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESSES, *Sen. Ryan* — creates the
CS/S 722a Historically Underutilized Business Opportunity Act, provides additional duties for the State Auditor, and requires certain state agencies, including educational institutions, to use historically underutilized businesses in the procurement of certain goods or services.
[Related to H 517aa]
- S 724 READING SUCCESS ACT & GRADE RETENTION, *Sen. Kernan* — adds and repeals
CS/S 724 sections of the Public School Code to create the Reading Success Act; allows retention of students with parental consent in kindergarten through grade 2 who do not demonstrate reading proficiency; requires intervention, remediation, and reading improvement plans for students in kindergarten through grade 3 who do not demonstrate reading proficiency; requires retention of certain students in grade 3 who do not demonstrate reading proficiency, with exceptions; requires intervention and remediation for students in grades 4-8 who do not demonstrate proficiency in reading; provides for assessment of reading and academic growth of students in kindergarten through grade 8; requires maintenance and reporting of student intervention files in district accountability reports; and requires the Public Education Department to develop a report to be presented to the LESC at its October meeting to include data derived from district accountability reports.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIALS

- SJM 6 “ENLACE NEW MEXICO DAY,” [TBLD INDEF] *Sen. M. Sanchez* — proclaims January 22, 2015 as “ENLACE New Mexico Day.”
- SJM 8 CHANCE TO REFINANCE STUDENT DEBT, *Sen. Candelaria* — urges members of the New Mexico congressional delegation and all other members of the US Congress to support legislation to offer students the opportunity to refinance student loan debt at lower rates.

- SJM 9 STANDARDIZED TEST CONTRACT REPORTING, *Sen. Candelaria* — requests that the Public Education Department provide an accounting of funds spent for standardized testing materials; provide documentation on the procurement process, including the bidding process and selection of vendors chosen; and report findings to the LESC by November 1, 2015.
- SJM 10 RECONVENE J. PAUL TAYLOR CHILDHOOD TASK FORCE [**Passed S**], *Sen. Ortiz y Pino* — reconvenes the J. Paul Taylor Early Childhood Task Force to support the implementation and sustainability of its recommended Early Childhood Behavioral Health Action Plan and the Child Abuse Prevention Plan, to recommend best practices for a trauma-informed community service and state delivery system, and to expand its membership; and requires review of Task Force recommendations by the Legislative Finance and the Legislative Health and Human Services Committees. [Identical to SM 69 and HM 47]
- SJM 11 STUDY MORE COST EFFECTIVE INTERIM COMMITTEES, *Sen. Soules* — requests the New Mexico Legislative Council study ways in which legislative interim committees could operate more cost-effectively and efficiently.
- SJM 12 REVIEW BRANCH & COMMUNITY COLLEGES, *Sen. Campos* — requests the Secretary of Higher Education, in consultation with the Secretary of Public Education and branch and community presidents, to appoint a task force to review the adequacy, appropriateness, and alignment of branch and community college statutes; and develop recommendations for statutory changes to be presented to the appropriate legislative committees by December 1, 2015 for consideration by the 2016 Legislature.
- SJM 13 “**NM ROBOTICS EDUCATION & COMPETITION WEEKEND,**” [SGND], *Sen. Kernan* — requests certain state agencies to recognize, support, and promote robotics education and competition in New Mexico; and requests the Governor to proclaim the first weekend in May as “New Mexico Robotics Education and Competition Weekend.” [Related to SM 9 and H 59]
- SJM 15 ADDRESS INSTITUTIONAL RACISM [**Passed S**], *Sen. Lopez* — requests every agency and entity that receives state funding to adopt a policy to address institutional racism by January 1, 2016. [Identical to HJM 14]
- SJM 17 “**4-H DAY,**” [SGND] *Sen. Woods* — declares February 17, 2015 as “4-H Day” in recognition of the contributions of 4-H to the state.
- SJM 24a PRIMARY SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH TASK FORCE [**Passed S**], *Sen. Rue* — requests the Human Services Department (HSD) and the Public Education Department (PED) to jointly create a Primary School Mental Health Task Force to examine best practices for school-based mental health support and mental disorder treatment services to students; requires the HSD and PED secretaries to appoint members to the task force, and requires the task force to present its findings and recommendations to the LESC and the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee by November 30.

- SJM 26 SCHOOL EQUALIZATION GUARANTEE FOR SOME ADULTS, *Sen. Beffort* — requests the LESC, working with the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC), the Higher Education Department, and the Public Education Department, to establish a work group to conduct a study on the use of State Equalization Guarantee funds to educate adult students in certain public schools and present the results of the study to the LESC, LFC, and the Governor prior to the start of the Second Session of the Fifty-second Legislature.
- SJM 29a STUDY MCKINLEY COUNTY BRIDGES [**Passed S**], *Sen. Pinto* — requests the Department of Transportation to convene a task force with a prescribed membership to study load ratings of bridges in McKinley County and costs to provide for improvements to bridges that are not load rated for standard-sized school buses and emergency vehicles, and report its findings and recommendations for improvements to the Transportation Infrastructure Revenue Committee and the Legislative Finance Committee by November 1, 2015. [Identical to HJM 19 and HM 128]

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS

- SJR 3 LIMIT CAR-RELATED FEES & TAXES FOR ROADS, CA, *Sen. Cotter* — proposes an amendment to Article 8 of the constitution of New Mexico to limit the use of money raised from taxes and fees on motor vehicles and motor vehicle fuels solely to public road projects and other current uses. (May affect public schools)
- SJR 5a SCHOOL FUND FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD, CA, *Sen. Padilla* — proposes changes to the constitution of New Mexico to extend the current one-half percent additional annual distribution beyond FY 16, provide an additional 1.0 percent annual distribution from the Permanent School Fund for early childhood nonsectarian educational services for 10 years, and inflation-adjust the \$10.0 billion minimum balance of the Land Grant Permanent Fund.
- SJR 7aaa SANTA FE COUNTY PROPERTY DISPOSAL [**Passed S/Passed H**], *Sen. Rodriguez* — ratifies and approves the transfer of approximately 11 acres of real property to the New Mexico School for the Arts; provides that the price for the property shall be the current appraised value plus closing and other necessary costs; provides that the General Services Department shall grant a right-of-way easement to the New Mexico School for the Arts for access and egress through or across state property; provides that if the New Mexico School for the Arts terminates and there is no successor school, the property shall revert to the state; and provides that the written purchase agreement for the transfer of the property shall be reviewed by the Capitol Buildings Planning Commission prior to the final execution of the agreement.
- SJR 8 MAJORITY FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS, CA, *Sen. Ryan* — amends Article 19, Section 1 of the constitution of New Mexico to require the approval of two-thirds, rather than a majority, of the members of each house of the Legislature for passage of proposed amendments to the constitution.
- SJR 9 INCREASE & INDEX MINIMUM WAGE, CA, *Sen. Soules* — proposes to amend the New Mexico constitution to establish a state minimum wage rate based on the consumer price index that will increase annually at the rate of inflation but will not increase more than 4.0 percent in any one year; requires the Governor to publish by September 1 of each

year the adjusted minimum wage rate that takes effect on January 1 of the following year, beginning in 2017; and provides that an employer may pay no less than 50 percent of the minimum wage rate if the employer can demonstrate that an employee receives tips that, when combined with the wages paid by the employer, are equal to or greater than the minimum wage rate for all hours worked. (May affect public schools) [Related to S 10, S 342, S 350, S 432, H 20, H 138, and H 360]

- SJR 12 LAND GRANT FUND FOR LONGER SCHOOL TIME, CA, *Sen. Cervantes* — proposes to amend the constitution of New Mexico to provide for an additional annual distribution from the Permanent School Fund in FY 17 and subsequent years to provide for a longer school year in grades K-5 and requires the amendment to be submitted for a vote at the next general or special election.
- SJR 13 PRC APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR, CA, *Sen. Sharer* — proposes to amend Article 11, Section 1 of the constitution of New Mexico to provide for a three-member Public Regulation Commission appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate in lieu of the current five-member elected commission.
- SJR 14 STATEWIDE MILLAGE FOR SCHOOL FUNDING, CA, *Sen. Stewart* — amends a section of the constitution of New Mexico to raise the mill limit from 20 to 22 and require that two mills of the 22-mill limit will be imposed statewide for distribution to public schools through the State Equalization Guarantee.
- SJR 15 PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND DISTRIBUTION, CA, *Sen. Stewart* — amends the constitution of New Mexico to provide an additional distribution of 1.2 percent from the Permanent School Fund to the Common School Fund to supplement state funding for public schools.
- SJR 17a LEGISLATIVE POWER TO COMPEL WITNESSES, CA, *Sen. Cervantes* — proposes an amendment to Article 4 of the constitution of New Mexico to give each house of the Legislature and its committees the power to compel witnesses to attend legislative hearings, to require sworn testimony, and to compel persons to produce documents, electronically stored information, or tangible items.
- SJR 18 4-YEAR HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TERMS, CA, *Sen. Ingle* — proposes to amend Article 4, Section 4 of the constitution of New Mexico to provide that members of the House of Representatives, elected for terms beginning on or after January 1, 2019, shall serve terms of four years.

SENATE MEMORIALS

- SM 1 “ALBUQUERQUE WEST SIDE DAY,” [SGND] *Sen. Padilla* — proclaims February 19, 2015 “Albuquerque West Side Day.” [Related to HM 89]
- SM 2 COLLEGE STUDENTS AS 3RD GRADE READING MENTORS [SGND], *Sen. Lopez* — requests that the LESC, in cooperation with the Public Education Department (PED) and the Higher Education Department (HED), establish a work group to study the feasibility of creating a program in which college students serve as reading mentors and tutors to students in grade 3; describes the membership of the work group; and requests

that the LESC, together with PED and HED, report the results of the study and any recommendations to the Legislature and the Governor before the 2016 legislative session. [Identical to HM 6]

- SM 7** **“FFA DAY,”** [SGND] *Sen. Woods* — declares February 18, 2015 as “FFA Day.”
- SM 9** **ROBORAVE INTERNATIONAL, IN RECOGNITION,** *Sen. Kernan* — requests that the Senate recognize RoboRAVE International as an official robotics education and competition program for New Mexico students and teachers. [Related to SJM 13 and H 59]
- SM 13** **“ENLACE NEW MEXICO DAY,”** [SGND] *Sen. M. Sanchez* — proclaims January 22, 2015 “ENLACE New Mexico Day” in the Senate.
- SM 14** **“SENIOR CITIZENS DAY,”** [SGND] *Sen. M. Sanchez* — declares January 27, 2015 “Senior Citizens Day” in the Senate.
- SM 21** **“NEW MEXICO GRADS DAY,”** [SGND] *Sen. Morales* — proclaims February 18, 2015 “New Mexico GRADS Day” in the Senate.
- SM 30** **NM PRIVATE-SECTOR EDUCATION PARTNERSHIPS [Passed S],** *Sen. Stewart* — recognizes private-sector organizations for their involvement, commitment, and voluntary contributions to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education partnerships; and requests that the organizations report their progress to the LESC during the 2015 interim. [Identical to HM 21]
- SM 32** **“SCHOOL NUTRITION DAY,”** [SGND] *Sen. Campos* — declares January 28, 2015 “School Nutrition Day” in the Senate.
- SM 35** **NM SPEECH-LANGUAGE & HEARING ASSOCIATION DAY [SGND],** *Sen. Sapien* — proclaims February 20, 2015 “New Mexico Speech-Language and Hearing Association Day” at the Senate; and that professional audiologists and speech language pathologists be recognized for their valuable work. [Related to SM 36, HM 3, and HM 4]
- SM 36** **“BETTER HEARING & SPEECH MONTH,”** [SGND] *Sen. Sapien* — requests that the Governor designate the month of May “Better Hearing and Speech Month.” [Related to SM 35, HM 3, and HM 4]
- SM 37** **“DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH,”** [SGND] *Sen. Rodriguez* — recognizes the value, respect, and dignity of individuals who have developmental disabilities and requests the Governor to proclaim the month of March 2015 “Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.”
- SM 42** **GENDER CHANGE EFFORTS WORKING GROUP [Passed S],** *Sen. Candelaria* — requests the Secretary of Health to convene a working group to review the practices and efforts to change the sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression of patients under 18 years of age in New Mexico; and compile and make available to the public a report that includes a survey of reparative, conversion, and other change efforts under way throughout the state.

- SM 43** **CONCERN ABOUT YOUNG PEOPLE & GUN VIOLENCE DAY [SGND]**, *Sen. Rodriguez* — requests the Governor to declare October 22, 2015 “Day of Concern about Young People and Gun Violence.”
- SM 48** **NM YOUNG DISABILITY LEADERS [SGND]**, *Sen. Ortiz y Pino* — recognizes the New Mexico young disability leaders for their contributions in providing awareness and understanding of disabilities; and requires the Public Education Department, school districts, and state higher education institutions be encouraged to support the goals of disability history and awareness instruction.
- SM 49** **“NEW MEXICO MESA DAY,” [SGND]** *Sen. Beffort* — declares March 17, 2015 “New Mexico MESA Day” at the Senate and recognizes New Mexico MESA, Inc., for its dedication to preparing minority students for careers in mathematics, engineering, and the sciences. [Related to HM 62]
- SM 54** **“UNM DAY,” [SGND]** *Sen. M. Sanchez* — declares February 9, 2015 “UNM Day” in the Senate and requests that the University of New Mexico be commended for its service and dedication to the residents of New Mexico. [Similar to HM 57]
- SM 57** **“I AM NM PUBLIC SCHOOLS DAY,” [SGND]** *Sen. Sapien* — declares February 19, 2015 “I Am New Mexico Public Schools Day” in the Senate and requests that New Mexico educators, administrators, and support personnel be celebrated for the positive changes that they bring to the lives of children.
- SM 58** **“COMMUNITY COLLEGE DAY,” [SGND]** *Sen. Sapien* — declares February 11, 2015 “Community College Day” in the Senate and requests that the college all-state academic teams from 15 community colleges across the state be recognized. [Related to HM 64]
- SM 60** **AT-RISK YOUTH DESIGN EDUCATION PROGRAMS**, *Sen. O’Neill* — requests that the Public Education Department (PED) explore funding options for the creation of design education programs for at-risk youth and requires PED to present its findings to the LESC and the Legislative Finance Committee before December 1, 2015. [Identical to HM 84a]
- SM 61** **NM LIBRARY NEEDS ASSESSMENT [Passed S]**, *Sen. M. Sanchez* — requests that the New Mexico State Library support a needs assessment of New Mexico libraries and support and assist with a statewide conference to identify policies and goals for improved library services. [Identical to HM 48]
- SM 63** **“PUBLIC EDUCATOR APPRECIATION DAY,” [SGND]** *Sen. Morales* — declares February 16, 2015 “Public Educator Appreciation Day” in the Senate, and that public educators be acknowledged for their immeasurable contributions, hard work, and dedication to New Mexico public school students and their parents. [Related to HM 68]
- SM 64** **“AUTISM DAY,” [SGND]** *Sen. Morales* — declares February 16, 2015 “Autism Day” in the Senate. [Related to HM 56 and HM 58]

- SM 68 CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS STUDY, *Sen. Ortiz y Pino* — requests the Department of Health Children’s Medical Services Program and the University of New Mexico Center for Development and Disability to convene a task force to conduct a study on ways to improve the system of healthcare transition for New Mexico children and youths with special healthcare needs, and provide a report of its review and recommendations to the Secretary of Health, the Secretary of Human Services, the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee (LHHSC), the LHHSC Disabilities Concerns Subcommittee, and the Legislative Finance Committee by October 1, 2015.
- SM 69 **RECONVENE J. PAUL TAYLOR CHILDHOOD TASK FORCE [Passed S]**, *Sen. Ortiz y Pino* — reconvenes the J. Paul Taylor Early Childhood Task Force to support the implementation and sustainability of its recommended Early Childhood Behavioral Health Action Plan and the Child Abuse Prevention Plan, to recommend best practices for a trauma-informed community service and state delivery system, and to expand its membership; and requires review of Task Force recommendations by the Legislative Finance and the Legislative Health and Human Services Committees. [Identical to HM 47 and SJM 10]
- SM 70 **BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF NM [SGND]**, *Sen. Pirtle* — recognizes the Boys and Girls Clubs of New Mexico and honors the valuable services they provide to the young people of New Mexico and their families.
- SM 73 **CONTINUE EXPLOITED MINOR & SAFE HARBOR STUDY [Passed S]**, *Sen. Torracco* — requests the continuation during the 2015 interim of a task force created in 2014 to study the delivery of services to sexually exploited children in New Mexico; requests that this task force collect certain data; and further requests that the task force report on the data collected and provide recommendations to the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee and to the appropriate interim committee for courts and corrections no later than November 2015. (May affect public schools)
- SM 75 **“NM EDUCATION POWERHOUSE CONFERENCE DAY,” [SGND]** *Sen. Morales* — declares February 28, 2015 “NM Education Powerhouse Conference Day” in the Senate.
- SM 78 **“CHESS DAY,” [SGND]** *Sen. Candelaria* — declares February 17, 2015 “Chess Day” in the Senate.
- SM 90 HIGH SCHOOL MATH EDUCATION TASK FORCE, *Sen. Sapien* — requests the Public Education Department (PED) to convene a High School Mathematics Education Task Force, prescribes the membership of the task force, requires other studies by PED and the Higher Education Department (HED), and requires PED and HED to report their findings to the LESC and any other appropriate interim committees each November 1 from 2015 through 2017. [Related to HM 83a]
- SM 95 STUDY MIDDLE SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS, *Sen. Beffort* — requests that the LESC, in cooperation with the Legislative Finance Committee, the Public Education Department, and the New Mexico Afterschool Alliance study the lack of co-curricular and after-school programs for middle school students; provides the study

criteria; and requests that the LESC report its findings and recommendations to the appropriate interim committee by December 1, 2015.

- SM 100** **“NORTHERN NM UNIVERSITY DAY,” [SGND]** *Sen. Martinez* — declares February 18, 2015 “Northern New Mexico University Day” in the Senate and recognizes the university for its role in providing postsecondary educational opportunities to northern New Mexicans.
- SM 104 **GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN RESOURCES**, *Sen. Lopez* — requests that a task force be convened to study and recommend policy changes to expand the availability of resources and assistance for grandparents raising grandchildren; prescribes the membership and duties of the task force; provides that the Human Services Department, the Children, Youth and Families Department, and the Aging and Long-Term Services Department be requested to coordinate and provide staff support to the task force; and requires the task force to report its findings and recommendations to the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee no later than November 2015. [Identical to HM 8 and Related to S 568]
- SM 105** **ESTABLISH HIGH-QUALITY CAREER PATHWAYS [Passed S]**, *Sen. Sapien* — requests that the Higher Education Department, the Public Education Department, and the Workforce Solutions Department collaborate to establish high-quality career pathways that bridge high school curricula, postsecondary studies, and the 21st Century job opportunities for all New Mexico students and report their findings and progress to the LESC by November 1, 2015. [Identical to HM 14]
- SM 108 **TUITION SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNTS & NOTICES**, *Sen. Muñoz* — requests that the Higher Education Department be requested to adhere to statutory and regulatory requirements to determine the total amount of money available for tuition scholarships and the uniform percentage by which to calculate tuition scholarships; and to notify all eligible institutions of, and make available to the public, the determinations by June 1 annually.
- SM 109 **PSYCHOLOGIST LICENSURE TASK FORCE**, *Sen. Campos* — requests the Higher Education Department to convene a task force to evaluate the quality of online study courses, the state’s eligibility requirements and corresponding regulations for licensure in the state as a psychologist; and report any recommended changes to the state’s licensing procedures, licensure eligibility requirements or corresponding regulations to the appropriate legislative interim committee no later than December 1, 2015. [Identical to HM 113]
- SM 114** **“NM ATHLETIC TRAINER DAY,” [SGND]** *Sen. O’Neill* — declares March 4, 2015 “New Mexico Athletic Trainer Day” in the Senate. [Related to HM 40]
- SM 115** **ADOLESCENT TREATMENT FACILITIES EVALUATION [Passed S]**, *Sen. Ortiz y Pino* — requests a task force with prescribed membership under the direction of the chairman of the University of New Mexico School of Medicine Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences to perform an independent evaluation of the Adolescent Treatment Hospital and the Adolescent Residential Treatment Facility and make recommendations for improvement to the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee no later than November 1, 2015.

- SM 117 CHARTER SCHOOL PUBLIC & PRIVATE GRANTS, *Sen. Stewart* — urges the Public Education Department to seek public and private grants that are available to assist charter schools with planning and facilities, maintain and disseminate a list of public and private direct grants for charter schools, and report to the LESC by November 1 on the department’s success in applying for grants for charter schools.
- SM 119 “ADULT EDUCATION & LITERACY DAY,” [SGND] *Sen. Candelaria* — declares March 4, 2015 “Adult Education and Literacy Day” in the Senate.
- SM 122 BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS OF AMERICA [SGND], *Sen. Campos* — requests that the Higher Education Department support efforts of the New Mexico chapter of the Business Professionals of America to establish chapters at the postsecondary level to assist with training well-prepared, career-oriented, skilled, certified, and motivated future state and national workforce members.
- SM 124 ARTESIA HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM, CONGRATS [SGND], *Sen. Kernan* — congratulates the 2014 Artesia High School football team for winning the 2014 state championship.
- SM 126 “SUPER PI DAY NEW MEXICO,” [SGND] *Sen. Soules* — declares March 14 (3.14) to be “Super Pi Day New Mexico” in the Senate.
- SM 127 “DIA DE LOS NIÑOS,” *Sen. M. Sanchez* — declares April 30, 2015 “Dia de los Niños” in the Senate to celebrate New Mexico’s children and to help them develop confidence to become great leaders and members of society.
- SM 130 STUDY MATH TEACHER COMPETENCY UPDATE [Passed S], *Sen. Kernan* — requests the Secretary of Public Education to study the feasibility of updating required competencies in mathematics for entry-level elementary teachers and present a report on the progress of the study to the LESC prior to December 1, 2015.
- SM 135 STUDY SCHOOL FUNDING ISSUES [Passed S], *Sen. Pinto* — requests that the LESC and Legislative Finance Committee (LFC), together with the Public Education Department, the Department of Finance and Administration, the Public School Capital Outlay Council, and representatives of stakeholder groups study the provisions of federal and state laws relating to federal impact aid and other federal payment-in-lieu-of-taxes provisions; the public school funding formula size adjustment factor relating to population centers and rural, isolated schools in the same school district; the effect of federal “sequestration” of funds; relevant changes in federal and state law since implementation of the public school capital outlay standards-based process; and report the results of the study to the LESC, LFC, and the Governor before the 2016 legislative session. [Identical to HM 133]