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MEMORANDUM

TO: Persons Interested

FROM: D. Pauline Rindone

RE: Public School-Related Legislation Introduced but **Not Passed** by the 48th Legislature, 1st Session, 2007

On April 11, 2007, I distributed the summary of public education-related legislation passed by the 48th Legislature, 1st Session, 2007, **after executive action**.

To complete the review of the 2007 legislative activity, the accompanying list summarizes the public school-related legislation that was introduced, but **did not pass**. This list is distributed upon request and is posted on our website, <http://legis.state.nm.us/lcs/lesc/lescdefault.asp>.

FAILED
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HOUSE BILLS

- *H 3a EDUCATION APPROPRIATION ACT, *Miera* — appropriates nearly \$2.5 billion in Public School Support and related recurring appropriations from the General Fund; among its other provisions, provides funding for a mandatory average 7.0 percent salary increase for all certified and non-certified school personnel, including school transportation employees, effective the first full pay period after July 1, 2007; provides funding to implement a \$50,000 minimum salary for Level 3-A teachers; provides funding for a .75 percent increase in the employer contribution to the Educational Retirement Fund and includes several recurring appropriations to PED, including other recurring and nonrecurring appropriations. (Succeeding entries CS/H 2a et al.)
- H 7 GENERAL APPROPRIATION ACT OF 2007, *Varela* — makes general appropriations from the General Fund and authorizes the expenditures by agencies for FY 08; among its provisions, appropriates more than \$2.4 billion in Public School Support from the General Fund; among its other provisions: provides funding for an average 4.25 percent salary increase for all teachers, other instructional staff, and other licensed and unlicensed staff; provides funding to implement the \$50,000 minimum salary for Level 3-A teachers; appropriates more than \$6.5 million for elementary physical education, contingent on successful legislation; appropriates more than \$16.5 million to expand Kindergarten Plus, contingent on successful legislation; provides funding for school districts to implement a formula-based program for districts to use current-year membership in the calculation of program units; prescribes performance measures; provides funding for a .75 percent increase in the employer contribution to the Educational Retirement Fund; requires PED and CYFD to report jointly and quarterly to the LESC and the LFC on the implementation of New Mexico PreK, including student progress by department; and makes other recurring and nonrecurring appropriations. [Identical to S 2]
- H 9 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE SALARY INCREASES, *Varela* — appropriates funds for salary increases for public officers and employees, public school personnel, and higher education faculty and employees, including over \$500,000 to provide permanent legislative employees an average 5.0 percent increase, over \$350,000 to provide a 4.25 percent increase for teachers and minimum salaries for Level 3-A teachers in state agencies and the School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, and three appropriations to PED: nearly \$79.0 million to provide all public education employees a 4.25 percent increase, nearly \$11.0 million for minimum salaries for Level 3-A teachers, and over \$14.0 million for a .75 percent increase in the employer contribution to the Educational Retirement Fund. (Succeeding entries CS/H 2a et al.)
- H 19 CHILDREN'S ART & EDUCATION PROGRAMS, *Wirth* — appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to the Cultural Affairs Department for FY 08 to contract with a children's museum in Santa Fe for children's art and education programs.

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- H 20 SANTA FE TEACHER SCIENCE INSTRUCTION, *Wirth* — appropriates \$60,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 to contract with a nonprofit organization to provide teacher training and in-class mentors and to integrate hands-on science techniques into standard curricula.
- H 25 PROGRAMS FOR LOW-INCOME CHILDREN, *Varela* — appropriates \$1.25 million from the General Fund to the Department of Health for FY 08 to contract with a nonprofit organization in Santa Fe County to provide dance instruction and performance to implement an anti-obesity, nutrition education, self-esteem, and fitness dance program for low-income, at-risk children in public elementary and middle schools statewide.
- H 27 NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH CARE, *Begaye* — appropriates \$500,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Health, in coordination with the UNM Health Sciences Center, for FY 08 to provide increased hours of service by mental health care providers in school-based health care centers at schools with at least 15 percent Native American students.
- H 30 NATIVE AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH PROGRAM, *Begaye* — appropriates \$225,000 from the General Fund to the Indian Affairs Department for FY 08 to implement a culturally sensitive educational outreach program for Native American students.
- H 31 NAVAJO NATION MOBILE INTERNET TRAINING, *Begaye* — appropriates \$628,000 from the General Fund to the Indian Affairs Department for FY 08 and FY 09 to operate two mobile internet training sites for Navajo Nation chapters. (May affect public schools)
- H 32 DELINQUENCY PETITION NOTICES TO SCHOOLS, *Bandy* — requires CYFD to notify the appropriate school district when a child is the subject of a delinquency petition involving certain offenses. [Similar to CS/S 68a]
- H 45 NM TECH SUMMER SCIENCE PROGRAM, *Heaton* — appropriates \$72,000 from the General Fund to the New Mexico Tech Board of Regents for FY 08 to provide tuition scholarships for New Mexico high school students attending a summer science program. (For the LESC) [Identical to S 75]
- H 52a SCHOOL DISTRICT INSURANCE OF VACANT BUILDINGS, *Swisstack* — amends statute to allow a local school board to choose not to insure vacant or abandoned buildings losses where there is determined to be no future practical use for the building and the annual costs of continuing to insure the building exceeds the value of the building.
- H 54 NMSU SPACE CONSORTIUM & OUTREACH PROGRAM, *Nuñez* — appropriates \$525,000 from the General Fund to the NMSU Board of Regents for FY 08 to pay for the Space Consortium and Outreach Program. (May affect public schools) [Identical to S 40]
- H 62 EDUCATIONAL TECH DEFICIENCY CORRECTION FUND, *Miera* — makes several
CS/H 62 appropriations from the Computer Systems Enhancement Fund: \$27.0 million to the Educational Technology Deficiency Correction Fund for FY 07 and subsequent fiscal years to correct serious deficiencies; \$24.0 million to PED for FY 07 and FY 08 to replace functionally obsolete computers and network devices; and \$8.5 million to fund the infrastructure to support statewide distance learning; and makes several other appropriations:

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\$1.45 million to the HED for FY 07 and FY 08 for program administration, information technology services and maintenance costs; \$630,000 to PED for FY 07 and FY 08 for initial program costs for the statewide cyber academy; \$120,000 for RECs 3, 8, and 9 for distance learning networks; \$50,000 for Rio Rancho Public Schools for the Rio Rancho Cyber Academy; and \$40,000 for school districts to support distance learning (Original bill for the LESC) [Identical to CS/S 78]

- H 63 REVERSIONS TO STATE-SUPPORT RESERVE FUND, *Miera* — amends the provisions of the State Support Reserve Fund in the Public School Finance Act to make the fund non-reverting and to allow any unencumbered or unexpended balances in the General Fund appropriations to PED and the SEG remaining at the end of any fiscal year to revert to the fund. (For the LESC)
- H 65 RURAL AREA CHILD LITERACY PROGRAMS, *Miera* — appropriates \$1.5 million from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 and FY 09 to provide integrated in-school, after-school, and summer supplementary literacy programs for kindergarten through 8th grade children from rural areas at a minimum of 15 school sites. [Identical to S 82]
- H 68a HIGH SCHOOL REFORMS, *Miera* — makes numerous amendments to the Public School Code to improve the readiness of New Mexico high school students for college and the workplace by addressing teacher quality: requires PED to collaborate with HED and with public teacher preparation programs to create a uniform statewide teacher education accountability reporting system; requires teacher preparation programs to work with colleges of arts and sciences and high schools to develop a model teacher mentorship program and to report to the LESC by November 2007; requires PED to distribute teacher mentorship funds to school districts annually according to the number of beginning teachers on the 40th day of the current, rather than the past, school year; provides a portfolio-based route to alternative Level 1 licensure; authorizes PED to provide by rule for the use of unlicensed content-area experts in schools; and requires HED to use the PED student ID number. (Original bill for the LESC) [Identical to SB 211a, which passed]
- CS/H 68
- H 72 NATIVE AMERICAN INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTER, *Madalena* — appropriates \$250,000 from the General Fund to PED's Vocational Rehabilitation Division for FY 08 for an independent living center with sites in the pueblos of Laguna and San Felipe to support disabled Native Americans.
- H 94 LOW-VISION CLINIC PROGRAM, *Vaughn* — appropriates \$10,000 from the General Fund to the New Mexico School for the Blind and Visually Impaired for FY 08 for a low-vision clinic program for visually impaired students.
- H 97 AMEND INDIAN EDUCATION ACT, *Begaye* — amends the Indian Education Act to require PED to collaborate and coordinate with HED, institutions of higher education, and tribal education departments to facilitate the transition of Native American students into postsecondary education; to add several definitions; to acknowledge the Assistant Secretary for Indian Education; to clarify duties of the Secretary of Public Education, the Assistant Secretary, and PED in consulting with tribes and pueblos; and to change the composition of the Indian Education Advisory Council.

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- H 104 TRANSFER STUDENT LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIPS, *Begaye* — amends statute regarding the lottery scholarship to extend eligibility for the scholarship to students who complete at least one semester at a postsecondary institution in another state and, within 120 days, transfer to a New Mexico institution and satisfy certain requirements.
- H 109 NMSU SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & MATH OUTREACH, *Gutierrez* — appropriates \$500,000 from the General Fund to the NMSU Board of Regents for FY 08 to pay for coordination and expansion of science, technology, engineering, and math educational outreach programs. [Identical to S 24]
- H 111 SCIENCE EDUCATION & TEACHER OUTREACH PROGRAM, *Gutierrez* — appropriates \$300,000 from the General Fund to the NMSU Board of Regents for FY 08 to pay for a science education enhancement and kindergarten through grade 12 teacher outreach program. [Identical to S 29]
- H 117 TEACHER TAX CREDIT FOR CLASSROOM SUPPLIES, *Cote* — enacts a new section of
CS/H 117a the Income Tax Act to allow a licensed teacher in a public school or accredited private school to claim a credit of varying amounts according to income for expenditures for classroom supplies as defined by TRD.
- H 129 MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER SCIENCE & MATH TRAINING, *Salazar* — appropriates \$250,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of Northern New Mexico College for FY 08 to provide a program to train middle school teachers to improve their skills, knowledge, and techniques for teaching science, math, and technology. [Identical to S 140]
- H 138 NMSU ALLIANCE FOR ADVANCEMENT OF TEACHING, *Garcia,MH* — appropriates \$200,000 from the General Fund to the NMSU Board of Regents for FY 08 to pay for the P-20 Alliance for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning. [Identical to S 25 & similar to S 42]
- H 139 NMSU EARLY CHILDHOOD RESEARCH INSTITUTE, *Garcia,MH* — appropriates \$250,000 from the General Fund to the NMSU Board of Regents for FY 08 to pay for the Southwest Institute for Early Childhood Research and Development. [Identical to S 41]
- H 145 PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION GROSS RECEIPTS, *Garcia,MH* — enacts a new section of the Gross Receipts and Compensating Tax Act to allow gross receipts from providing construction services to a school district or the PSFA to be deducted from gross receipts. (Any decrease in gross receipts tax revenue to the General Fund may have an impact on the money available to public schools.)
- H 146a SCHOOL BOARD RECALL PETITIONS & ELECTIONS, *Garcia,MH* — amends the Local School Board Member Recall Act to limit school board recall petition signatures to those registered voters who reside in the member's district, and to allow only registered voters residing in the member's district to vote on the recall question.
- H 147 MINORITY PRE-COLLEGE STUDENT MATH & SCIENCES, *Powdrell-Culbert* — appropriates \$200,000 from the General Fund to the UNM Board of Regents for FY 08 to enhance pre-college science and math skills and to conduct a summer math and science camp for minority students through UNM's College of Engineering special programs.

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- H 172 STATEWIDE HOMELESSNESS PROGRAMS, *Trujillo* — appropriates \$500,000 from the
CS/H 172 General Fund to HSD for FY 08 to expand funding for homeless programs statewide. (May
affect public schools)
- H 173 CHILDHOOD OBESITY PREVENTION & TREATMENT, *Sandoval* — appropriates
\$150,000 from the General Fund to the UNM Board of Regents for FY 08 for the Health
Sciences Center Pediatric Department’s telehealth programs to help rural health providers
and school-based health centers to treat and prevent childhood obesity.
- H 179 CERTAIN RETIREES RETURNING TO WORK, *Larrañaga* — amends the Public
Employees Retirement Act and the Educational Retirement Act to suspend the pension of a
retired member who returns to work and earns more than \$25,000 in a calendar year.
- H 187a MIDDLE SCHOOL INTERNATIONAL FILM EDUCATION, *Stewart* — appropriates
\$400,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 to contract for a program to develop and
implement an interdisciplinary international education program that helps New Mexico
middle school students acquire the knowledge and skills needed for success in the 21st
Century while expanding basic proficiency in reading, writing, mathematics, science, social
studies, and critical thinking. (For the LESC) [Identical to S 79a]
- *H 199 INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT PROVIDER LICENSURE, *Stewart* — amends the School
Personnel Act to require PED to establish a progressive licensure and compensation
framework for instructional support providers, to issue licenses for instructional support
providers, and to adopt a highly objective performance evaluation for professional
instructional support providers; establishes minimum salary levels for specified instructional
support providers at \$30,000 for Level 1, \$40,000 for Level 2, and \$50,000 for Level 3; and
appropriates \$250,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 07 and FY 08 to establish the
licensure framework and to implement the evaluation system by June 30, 2008. (For the
LESC) [Identical to *S 188]
- H 209a LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MILITARY DEPENDENTS, *Cote* — amends statute
regarding the lottery scholarship to extend eligibility for the scholarship to dependents of
military personnel stationed in New Mexico who graduate from a New Mexico high school
or receive a GED certificate while their parents are stationed in New Mexico and who meet
the other eligibility requirements.
- H 217 LOS LUNAS COLLEGE READINESS INITIATIVE, *Saavedra* — appropriates \$650,000
from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 for a college readiness and high school redesign
initiative in Los Lunas Public Schools. [Identical to S 234]
- *H 225 ALBUQUERQUE SCIENCE & ENGINEERING FAIR, *Varela* — appropriates \$1.2 million
from the General Fund to the Local Government Division of DFA for FY 07 and FY 08 to
provide for a science and engineering fair in Albuquerque. (May affect public schools)
- H 232 CYFD CHILD CARE PROGRAMS, *King* — appropriates \$18.2 million from the General
Fund to CYFD for FY 08 for several child care programs, including \$1.0 million for
scholarships to help early childhood teachers study child development and early learning
while earning college degrees. [Identical to S 103]

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- H 260a NEW MEXICO SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS CHARTER SCHOOL, *Wirth* — amends statute to authorize the creation of a state-chartered, statewide charter residential high school for the arts to provide intensive pre-professional and professional training for students with demonstrated artistic abilities and potential. (For the LESC) [Similar to *S 76]
- H 264 NEW MEXICO-GROWN PRODUCE IN SCHOOL LUNCHESES, *Gonzales* — appropriates \$1.4 million from the General Fund to the NMSU Board of Regents for FY 08 and subsequent fiscal years for the New Mexico Department of Agriculture to purchase New Mexico-grown fresh fruits and vegetables for school lunches statewide. [Identical to S 90]
- H 275a TRIBAL COLLEGE LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIPS, *Begaye* — amends statute to allow students attending tribal colleges to receive lottery tuition scholarships for up to four consecutive years; and defines the term “tribal college” to mean a tribally, federally, or congressionally chartered postsecondary educational institution in New Mexico that is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.
- H 282 MILITARY VETERAN LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIPS, *Swisstack* — amends statute to extend the time limit for military veterans to apply for lottery tuition scholarships from 120 days to 12 months after honorable service or medical discharge. [Identical to S 685]
- H 306 CENTER DIVERSE POPULATION STUDY & EDUCATION, *Lujan,B* — appropriates \$650,000 from the General Fund to the NMHU Board of Regents for FY 08 for the Center for the Education and Study of Diverse Populations to provide technical assistance and training for schools and school districts.
- H 307a HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP MATCHES, *Lujan,B* — appropriates \$50,000 from the General Fund to HED for FY 07 and subsequent fiscal years for an equal match of higher education scholarships offered by a New Mexico-based nonprofit foundation that has provided annual needs- and merit-based scholarships for the last five years.
- H 310 READING MATERIALS FUND, *Stewart* — appropriates \$1.0 million from the General Fund to the Reading Materials Fund for FY 07 and subsequent fiscal years for PED to make distributions to school districts that want to use “a scientific research-based core comprehensive, intervention or supplementary reading program.”
- *H 315a INVESTMENTS & RETIREMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, *Heaton* — creates the State Investment and Retirement Systems Oversight Committee to oversee state investments and retirement systems; prescribes membership, powers, and duties of the committee; requires the PERA, the ERB, the State Investment Council, DFA, and the State Treasurer to assist the committee; requires the LCS to provide staff for the committee; and appropriates \$150,000 from legislative cash balances to the LCS for FY 07 and FY 08 to pay for technical and legal assistance and other outside consultants and other expenses. [Identical to *S 319]
- H 317a HIGH SCHOOL ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES, *Stewart* — enacts a new section of the Public School Code to require the Secretary of Public Education to appoint an Advanced Placement Advisory Board to advise PED on the best use of AP funding to support teachers and the classroom; creates the Advanced Placement Fund, to be administered by PED, to support the AP Summer Institute and make it available free to New Mexico teachers, to provide distance delivery Pre-AP and AP courses, to provide other professional development, and to allocate awards to school districts and charter schools according to the number of AP scores of 3, 4, or 5 earned by their students; and requires each high school in New Mexico to offer at least one AP course.

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- H 322 PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITY OPPORTUNITY FUND, *Miera* — enacts new sections and amends existing sections of law to create the Public School Facility Opportunity Fund to allow the PSCOC to make grants so that the facilities of qualifying school districts may exceed statewide adequacy standards; provides that unexpended balances of certain appropriations revert to this fund; and provides for a distribution to the fund of a portion of gross receipts tax revenue derived from public school construction projects. [Identical to S 403]
- H 323 CHARTER SCHOOL REVENUE BOND MATCHES, *Miera* — allows state-chartered charter schools to apply for grant assistance for a capital project pursuant to the Public School Capital Outlay Act; authorizes the proceeds from revenue bonds to provide the local match required for grants to state-chartered charter schools; creates the Charter School Bonding Fund, to be administered by the NMFA; and authorizes an additional property tax levy to be approved by voters pursuant to the Public School Capital Improvements Act (SB 9), with a portion of the revenue going to state-chartered charter schools if a state-chartered charter school is located in the district.
- H 324a SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY, ROOF REPAIR & FACILITIES, *Miera* — extends the time period in which grants for roof repair and replacement may be expended; and makes appropriations for roof repair and replacement, the purchase of portable facilities to be loaned to school districts with a demonstrated need, and the correction of deficiencies at certain state educational institutions. [Similar to S 394a, which passed]
- *H 325a ENLACE PROGRAM AT CERTAIN SCHOOLS, *Miera* — appropriates \$2.0 million, distributed evenly to the following three entities, to support ENLACE programs: the UNM Board of Regents, the NMSU Board of Regents, and HED (for Santa Fe Community College, San Juan College, and Clovis Community College). (For the LESC) [Similar to *S 77]
- H 327 CHANGE PUBLIC SCHOOL REPORTING DATES, *Miera* — amends several sections of the Public School Code to change the 40th, 80th, and 120th day reporting dates to the third Monday in October, the second Monday in December, and the third Tuesday in February, respectively, effective for school year 2007-2008.
- H 331 MINORITY PARTY PETITION REQUIREMENTS, *Moore* — amends the Election Code to eliminate the petition requirements for nominees of minor political parties for public office. (May affect the PEC)
- H 334a STATE USE ACT FUNDING, *Garcia,MP* — appropriates \$50,000 from the General Fund to the Vocational Rehabilitation Division of PED for FY 08 and subsequent fiscal years to enhance employment opportunities for persons with disabilities through implementation of the State Use Act. [Similar to S 474]
- H 360 ALBUQUERQUE JUVENILE DELINQUENCY PROGRAMS, *Arnold-Jones* — appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Public Safety for FY 08 to conduct before- and after-school programs in Albuquerque to address juvenile delinquency, domestic violence, and educational inadequacies.
- H 361 LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MILITARY DEPENDENTS, *Taylor,T* — amends statute to extend eligibility for the Lottery Success Scholarship to otherwise-qualified dependents of New Mexico residents who are paying New Mexico income taxes but who, as a result of service in the US military, are stationed outside of New Mexico at the time they graduate from high school or earn a GED. [Similar to CS/S 687, which passed]

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- H 369 OUTDOOR CLASSROOM PROGRAM, *Hall* — appropriates \$500,000 from the General Fund to the State Parks Division of the Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department for FY 08 to support a statewide public school outdoor classroom program. (For the LESC)
- H 383a UNM GEOGRAPHIC ALLIANCE PROGRAM, *Picraux* — appropriates \$500,000 from the General Fund to the UNM Board of Regents for FY 08 to fund the New Mexico Geographic Alliance program for geographic education in New Mexico public schools.
- H 391 BAN USE OF ASPARTAME, *Harrison* — amends statute to prohibit the manufacture, sale, or delivery or holding or offering for sale of any food containing any amount of aspartame and its derivative compounds in any of their trade names. (May affect public schools)
- H 392 NUTRITION COUNCIL ACT, *Harrison* — enacts the Nutrition Council Act and creates the Nutrition Council, one of whose members is the Secretary of Public Education; prescribes duties of the council, among them: to recommend nutrition programs, public education programs, and campaigns on health, nutrition, and ideal weight maintenance for all state institutions, public schools, and colleges and universities; to advise school districts on the development of grade-specific nutrition courses; and to review the quality of public school lunch programs and make recommendations to the Secretary of Public Education; and appropriates \$250,000 from the General Fund to the Nutrition Council for FY 08 to implement the act. [Identical to S 564]
- *H 399 FEE FOR CERTAIN BACKGROUND CHECKS, *Swisstack* — enacts new sections of the Arrest Record Information Act to allow the Department of Public Safety to charge up to \$40 to process fingerprint-based criminal history background checks; and creates the Criminal History Fund for money received pursuant to the act. (May affect public schools)
- H 410 LAS VEGAS FAMILY PARTNERSHIP SCHOOL, *Vigil* — appropriates \$450,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 for the West Las Vegas Public Schools to replace class-size adjustment funding for the Family Partnership School.
- H 412 LUNA COMMUNITY COLLEGE YOUTH PROGRAM, *Vigil* — appropriates \$59,000 from the General Fund to HED for FY 08 for the Youth College Program at Luna Community College.
- H 413 NM HIGHLANDS PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT PROGRAM, *Vigil* — appropriates \$910,000 from the General Fund to the NMHU Board of Regents for FY 08 to fund the Practice Makes Perfect Program to prepare secondary students for the next grade level and for college. [Identical to S 54]
- H 416 EDUCATION-RELATED TESTING SERVICE CONTRACTS, *Vigil* — amends the Procurement Code to allow contracts for up to six years for services relating to standardized tests for students and to teacher tests required to obtain professional licensure.

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- *H 419 NORTHERN NM SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT, *Vigil* — appropriates \$5.0 million
*CS/H 419 from the General Fund to the Office of Workforce Training and Development for FY 07 and
FY 08 to fund a statewide summer youth employment pilot program. (May affect public
schools) [Identical to *CS/S 294]
- H 421 TRIBAL COLLEGE AFFORDABILITY SCHOLARSHIPS, *Madalena* — amends the
CS/H 421 College Affordability Act to allow College Affordability Scholarships to be used at tribal
colleges; and defines a tribal college as a tribally, federally, or congressionally chartered
postsecondary educational institution located in New Mexico and accredited by the North
Central Association of Colleges and Schools. [Similar to CS/S 355a, which passed]
- H 429 RURAL AREA TELEHEALTH SERVICES, *Cote* — appropriates \$600,000 from the
General Fund to DOH for FY 08 to fund a telehealth program serving the children, families,
and health-care providers in New Mexico’s rural areas. (May affect public schools)
- H 435 RIO RANCHO CYBER ACADEMY COURSES, *Powdrell-Culbert* — appropriates
\$500,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 for expansion of synchronous course
offerings at the Rio Rancho Cyber Academy. [Identical to S 352]
- H 448 NMSU STRENGTHENING FAMILIES INITIATIVE, *Hall* — appropriates \$500,000 from
the General Fund to the NMSU Board of Regents for FY 08 to support the Strengthening
Families Initiative to reduce child abuse and neglect and to prevent youth problem behavior.
(May affect public schools)
- H 449 TRUANCY REPORTING & REFERRAL, *Swisstack* — amends the Compulsory School
Attendance Law to provide for additional truancy reporting and referral involving the
Probation Services Office and to amend the definition of the term “truant”; and amends the
Family Services Act to expand the definition of “child or family in need of services.”
- H 455a SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT BID REQUIREMENTS, *Miera* — amends the
Procurement Code to require bidders for public works construction projects exceeding
\$125,000 for school districts and school boards to submit proof with competitive
qualifications-based proposals that they provide minimum wages and medical benefit plans
and that they require substance abuse checks of employees of the bidder and its
subcontractors.
- H 464 ROSWELL SCIENCE FESTIVAL, *Ezzell* — appropriates \$27,000 from the General Fund to
CYFD for FY 08 to contract with the Recreation Department in Roswell to coordinate an
educational science festival for students in 4th, 5th, and 6th grades and other gifted students in
southeastern New Mexico.
- H 485 TEMPORARY SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, *Garcia,MH* — amends the
Public School Code to assign to the local school board of a district with more than 10,000
students the duty of providing oversight and authorization of superintendent actions that
affect district administrators and the duty of assuming temporary administration of the
district if the board votes no confidence in the superintendent.

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- H 487 CITY & SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION POLLING PLACE, *Garcia, MH* — amends the Election Code to require municipalities and school districts to use the same polling places for their elections as those used in the general elections.
- H 498 USE OF BIBLE FOR HISTORY & LITERATURE, *Foley* — adds a new section to the Public School Code to require PED to promulgate a rule by November 30, 2007 expressly permitting the Bible to be used as a text in a high school literature or history course that meets certain criteria.
- H 499 PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY, *Park* — appropriates \$500.0 million from the General Fund to the Public School Capital Outlay Fund for FY 07 and subsequent fiscal years to carry out the purposes of the fund.
- H 500 REDUCTIONS IN SCHOOL CLASS SIZES, *Park* — amends the Public School Code to reduce class sizes in grades kindergarten through 12; and appropriates \$150.0 million from the General Fund to PED for the SEG in FY 08 to support class size reduction in public schools.
- H 501a INCREASE SCHOOL YEAR LENGTH, *Park* — amends the Public School Finance Act to increase the school year to at least 195 full instructional days or the equivalent.
- H 502 SCHOOL EMPLOYEE SALARY INCREASES, *Park* — appropriates nearly \$121.8 million from the General Fund to the SEG for FY 08 to provide an average 8.0 percent salary increase for licensed school employees in school year 2007-2008.
- H 503 CLASSROOM TEACHER INCOME TAX CREDIT, *Park* — enacts a new section of the Income Tax Act to provide a tax credit of \$500 for classroom teachers, under certain conditions.
- H 504 HIGHER ED EXPENSES INCOME TAX CREDIT, *Park* — adds a new section of the Income Tax Act to allow a tax credit of \$500 to a taxpayer who paid tuition or fees to a public postsecondary educational institution or private accredited college in New Mexico.
- H 505a INCREASE MATH REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION, *Park* — amends the Public School Code to increase the math requirements for graduation so that students entering the 9th grade beginning in school year 2009-2010 must complete four units in math, at least two of which are equivalent to Algebra I or a higher-level math.
- H 506 SCHOOL SCIENCE CONTENT STANDARDS, *Williams* — adds a new section of the Public School Code to require PED to adopt rules that give teachers the right and freedom, when teaching a theory of biological origin, to inform students of strengths and weaknesses of the theory with impunity and that encourage students to analyze scientific information critically and reach their own conclusions. [Identical to S 371]
- H 511 NM CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION ACT, *King* — enacts the New Mexico Centennial Celebration Act to create a centennial commission to plan, promote, and coordinate state and local observances of the 100th anniversary of statehood; creates the New Mexico Centennial Fund; requires the commission, among other duties, to report to the Governor its specific recommendations for the ceremonial, which is to involve public schools and public postsecondary educational institutions, among other entities; and appropriates \$250,000 from the General Fund to the New Mexico Centennial Fund for FY 08 and subsequent fiscal years.

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- H 523 FETAL ALCOHOL SYNDROME AWARENESS PROJECT, *Swisstack* — appropriates \$350,000 from the General Fund to CYFD for FY 08 to contract with a nonprofit organization for a fetal alcohol syndrome awareness pilot project and to conduct associated awareness initiatives in public schools and target health areas throughout the state.
- H 525 CERTAIN SCHOOL EMPLOYEE MINIMUM SALARIES, *Swisstack* — enacts a new section of the School Personnel Act to require school districts to implement a career salary framework for clerks, secretaries, and bookkeepers in school districts; and appropriates \$4.0 million from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 to raise the salaries of school district clerks, secretaries, and bookkeepers to minimum levels.
- H 531a TEACHER LOAN REPAYMENT ACT, *Varela* — enacts the Teacher Loan Repayment Act to increase the number of public school elementary and secondary teaching professionals in designated teacher shortage areas of the state by providing for repayment of the principal and reasonable interest accrued on loans from the federal government or a commercial lender; prescribes duties of PED and criteria for the award; creates the Teacher Loan Repayment Fund; and appropriates \$400,000 from the General Fund to the Teacher Loan Repayment Fund for FY 08 and subsequent fiscal years. [Similar to S 560a]
- *H 532 LOCAL GOVERNMENT PUBLIC FUND INVESTMENTS, *Varela* — amends statute to clarify the provision regarding investments of public funds of local governing bodies, including public school districts, and other eligible governing bodies.
- H 536 SANTA FE AT-RISK YOUTH MUSIC PROGRAM, *Wirth* — appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to the Local Government Division of DFA for FY 08 to contract with a nonprofit organization to provide a music and visual and performing arts education program for New Mexico's at-risk youth and high-risk youth offenders in correctional facilities in Santa Fe County. (May affect public schools)
- H 544 HIGH SCHOOL DRUG DEMAND REDUCTION PROGRAM, *Anderson* — appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to the Crisis Response Program 722 of the Department of Military Affairs for FY 08 for a drug demand reduction program through the Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program for at-risk middle and high school students. [Identical to S 149]
- H 553a CONTRIBUTIONS TO STATE AGENTS & CANDIDATES, *Larrañaga* — prohibits a public officer, employee, or agent from soliciting contributions from a person as a condition for doing business with the state or a political subdivision of the state. (May affect the PEC)
- H 562 YOUTH SUBSTANCE ABUSE & SUICIDE PREVENTION, *Vigil* — appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to HSD for FY 08 and subsequent fiscal years to contract with a youth commission in Las Vegas, NM for youth programs focused on substance abuse and suicide prevention. (May affect public schools)
- H 563 SCHOOL LIBRARY DVDS, *Garcia,T* — appropriates \$25,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 to acquire and distribute the DVD *Nuestras Acequias* to public school libraries. [Identical to H 718]

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- H 570 CS/H 570 SCHOOL VOLUNTEER BACKGROUND CHECKS, *Hall* — amends the School Personnel Act to define the term “ethical misconduct” and to require a superintendent, a charter school administrator, or director of an REC to investigate all allegations of ethical misconduct by a licensed school employee who leaves employment after the allegation has been made and, if the investigation produces evidence of wrongdoing, to report the identity and circumstances of the employee to PED and the employee, regardless of any confidentiality agreement between the employer and the licensed school employee. (Original bill for the LESC) [Identical to CS/S 210a, which passed]
- H 571a LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIPS FOR DISABLED STUDENTS, *Hall* — amends statute governing the Lottery Tuition Scholarship to allow adjustments in the definition of the term “full time” and the maximum number of consecutive semesters of eligibility for students with disabilities, under certain conditions; and changes the name to the Legislative Lottery Scholarship. (For the LESC) [Identical to S 689a, which passed]
- *H 581 SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS IN CERTAIN AREAS, *Salazar* — appropriates \$30,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 07 and FY 08 to contract through the Española Public Schools to provide summer enrichment programs for youth in Truchas, Ojo Sarco, and Cordova.
- H 591 HIGHER ED TENURE & NONTENURE-TRACK FACULTY, *Garcia,MP* — enacts several new sections of statute to prescribe a ratio of classes taught at public postsecondary institutions by tenured or tenure-track faculty; and to require a salary standard for adjunct and other nontenure-track faculty.
- H 594 NORTHERN PUEBLO DISTANCE LEARNING SYSTEM, *Salazar* — appropriates \$830,250 from the General Fund to the NNMC Board of Regents for FY 08 to assist the eight northern pueblos to improve technology and access to online courses and increase distance education services to the pueblos and non-Indian neighboring communities. (May affect public schools)
- H 596 GENDER-SPECIFIC EDUCATION PROGRAM PROPOSALS, *Swisstack* — requires PED to issue RFPs to all school districts for proposals to establish gender-specific education programs that may be funded up to \$50,000 per proposal; prescribes priorities for funding; and appropriates \$1.0 million from the General Fund to PED for FY 08. [Identical to S 1010]
- H 597a COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY GROSS RECEIPTS, *Miera* — increases the maximum rate of county correctional facility gross receipts tax from one-eighth to one-quarter percent. (May affect public schools)
- H 602 NMSU 4-H OUTREACH PROGRAM, *Tripp* — appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to the NMSU Board of Regents for FY 08 to pay for a 4-H outreach program.
- H 608 VALENCIA COUNTY SUSPENSION ALTERNATIVES, *Barreras* — appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to the Local Government Division of DFA for FY 08 to contract with a youth service organization for an alternative suspension program in Valencia County.

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- H 618 STATEWIDE MODERN DANCE AWARENESS PROGRAM, *Nuñez* — appropriates \$250,000 from the General Fund to the Cultural Affairs Department for FY 08 to contract with a modern dance repertory company with experience in production and an established pre-professional modern dance training program for junior high and high school youth for a statewide modern dance awareness program.
- H 619a DOÑA ANA PARENT & CHILD EDUCATION PROGRAMS, *Cote* — appropriates \$500,000 from the General Fund to the Local Government Division of DFA for FY 08 to contract for a parent and child education program in Doña Ana County.
- H 640a LEA COUNTY 4-H PROGRAMS, *Tyler* — appropriates \$300,000 from the General Fund to the NMSU Board of Regents for FY 08 to support 4-H programs in New Mexico through the cooperative extension program at NMSU.
- H 646 SANTA FE SUMMER DAY CAMPS, *Lujan,B* — appropriates \$600,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 to pay expenses for Santa Fe summer day camps. [Identical to S 199]
- H 660a UNM HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER CAREER PATHWAYS, *Salazar* — appropriates nearly \$1.9 million from the General Fund to the UNM Board of Regents for FY 08 and FY 09 to provide funding to encourage students underrepresented in the health sciences to enter and graduate from health or allied health professions programs; to identify candidate students for the program; and to provide mentoring and training to increase the likelihood that candidates are accepted into medical school. [Similar to S 299a]
- H 670 MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH INTERVENTION PROGRAM, *Gonzales* — appropriates \$3.0 million from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 to provide intensive math intervention programs for low-performing middle schools, including training for teachers, among other features. [Identical to S 601]
- H 674 NORTHERN NM SCHOOL DRUG PREVENTION PROGRAM, *Gonzales* — appropriates \$250,000 from the General Fund to the Local Government Division of DFA for FY 08 to support a boys and girls after-school and in-school drug abuse prevention program in Taos, Questa, the Pueblo of Taos, Peñasco, and the Pueblo of Picuris. [Identical to S 631]
- H 681 PAYMENT OF REMEDIAL COURSES AT COLLEGES, *Larrañaga* — amends the Public School Code to require school districts to pay the costs of remedial education courses for their graduates who do not meet academic admissions standards at two-year public postsecondary educational institutions.
- H 684a CREATE LOTTERY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, *Silva* — amends the New Mexico Lottery Act to create a joint interim legislative committee called the Lottery Oversight Committee; prescribes membership and duties of the committee; and requires annual reports of findings and recommendations to the Legislature.
- H 685 ADMINISTRATIVE ACCOUNTABILITY ACT, *Silva* — enacts the Administrative Accountability Act to provide procedures to enhance accountability in agency proceedings, rulemaking, adjudications, sanctions, fees, licensing, and inspection. (May affect PED)

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- H 696 ENMU NETWORK FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, *Moore* — appropriates \$185,000 from the General Fund to the ENMU Board of Regents for FY 08 for the College of Education and Technology to provide professional development for teachers through distance education. [Identical to H 891]
- H 704 LAS VEGAS ATHLETIC EVENT PARENT PARTICIPATION, *Vigil* — appropriates \$75,000 from the General Fund to the Local Government Division of DFA for FY 08 to encourage parent participation at athletic events of West Las Vegas Public Schools and Las Vegas City Public Schools by paying parents' admission to those events.
- H 707 SAN MIGUEL DEL VADO AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION, *Vigil* — appropriates \$25,000 from the General Fund to the Local Government Division of DFA for FY 08 for a pilot agricultural education program for youth in the valley of San Miguel del Vado. (May affect public schools)
- H 709 QWEST SETTLEMENT TO SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY, *Fox-Young* — appropriates \$2.6 million for each fiscal year from FY 07 through FY 09 from the Qwest settlement fund to the Public School Capital Outlay Fund.
- H 718 SCHOOL LIBRARY DVD PLACEMENT, *Gonzales* — appropriates \$25,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 to acquire and distribute the DVD *Nuestras Acequias* to public school libraries. [Identical to H 563]
- H 740a LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION TIME LIMIT, *Maestas* — amends statute to extend eligibility for the lottery tuition scholarship to qualified students who enroll in a public postsecondary educational institution within 16 months after, rather than immediately after, graduating from high school or earning a GED certificate. [Similar to S 688]
- H 751 GRANT COUNTY SILVER HIGH OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL, *Hamilton* — appropriates \$190,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 for Silver High Opportunity School for at-risk students in Grant County.
- H 752 WNMU EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM, *Hamilton* — appropriates \$130,000 from the General Fund to the WNMU Board of Regents for FY 08 and FY 09 to fund early childhood program needs. [Identical to S 803]
- H 756 NEXT GENERATION FUND, *Martinez,K* — appropriates \$10.0 million from the General Fund to the Next Generation Fund for FY 08 to promote positive child and youth development and to prevent the abuse and neglect of children pursuant to the Children's Trust Fund Act. [Similar to S 242a]
- H 759a INCREASE MINIMUM WAGE, *Lujan,B* — amends the Minimum Wage Act to increase the current state minimum wage to \$6.50 per hour and to provide subsequent increases in the state minimum wage: \$7.50 per hour as of January 1, 2008 and, as of January 1, 2009 and every January 1 thereafter, increases equal to the increase in the cost of living.
- H 767 CAREER DEVELOPMENT INTERNSHIP CHARTER SCHOOLS, *Park* — appropriates \$250,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 to pay stipends to students at charter schools chartered by APS who are engaged in construction, culinary arts, and other career development internships.

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- H 778 NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENT LEADERSHIP TRAINING, *Lujan,B* — appropriates \$150,000 from the General Fund to the Indian Affairs Department for FY 08 to contract for the continued provision of a summer leadership and public policy academy that provides college preparation and leadership training for Native American high school students.
- H 788 ACCELERATE INCOME TAX EXEMPTIONS, *Foley* — repeals one section of the Income Tax Act and enacts another to accelerate the implementation of income tax rate reductions. (May affect public schools) [Identical to S 265]
- H 792 NM TECH SCIENCE & ENGINEERING FAIR, *Tripp* — appropriates \$75,000 from the General Fund to the NM Tech Board of Regents for FY 08 to support the Science and Engineering Fair and the Science Olympiad.
- H 793a SCIENCE & MATH TEACHER DEVELOPMENT, *Tripp* — appropriates \$250,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology for FY 08 for science and math professional development workshops for teachers of grades K through 12 statewide.
- H 794 FIGHT OBESITY IN SCHOOLCHILDREN, *Hall* — appropriates \$250,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 to fund a pilot program in five public elementary schools, partnering with a nonprofit organization, directed at health education and physical fitness to fight obesity and to promote physical fitness in schoolchildren. [Identical to S 842]
- H 795 NM TECH MATH & ENGINEERING CAREER PREP, *Heaton* — appropriates \$35,000 from the General Fund to the NM Tech Board of Regents for FY 08 for an organization dedicated to preparing students for careers in math, engineering, and the sciences.
- H 796a EXTEND SCHOOL YEAR, *Heaton* — amends the Public School Code to increase the minimum number of full instructional days by five from 180 or the equivalent to 185 or the equivalent, beginning in school year 2007-2008. (For the LESC) [Similar to S 728]
- *H 813 SANTA FE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS, *Varela* — appropriates \$200,000 from the General Fund to the Office of Workforce Training and Development for FY 07 and FY 08 to contract with a community-based organization to support the continuation and expansion of out-of-school youth employment, service learning, and GED completion in Santa Fe County.
- H 819 GIFT ACT, *Chasey* — enacts the Gift Act to limit the market value of gifts to public officers
CS/H 819a or employees, candidates for public office, and family members. (May affect PED, PEC, and local school boards)
- H 821a CAMPAIGN REPORTING REQUIREMENTS, *Stewart* — amends the Campaign Reporting Act to provide additional reporting requirements for public officials, candidates, campaign committees, and political committees and to limit campaign contributions to candidates for statewide and district offices, among other provisions. (May affect the PEC) [Similar to S 800a]

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- H 824 PLANNING CONSISTENCY ACT, *Martinez, K* — enacts the Planning Consistency Act; requires counties and municipalities to adopt a detailed comprehensive plan that addresses a wide variety of services and functions, including schools.
- H 826 REVISE PUBLIC OFFICIAL MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT, *Stewart* — amends the Per Diem and Mileage Act to revise mileage reimbursement rates for public officials and employees. [Similar to S 922a]
- H 829 PROMISE FOR SUCCESS PROGRAM, *Gutierrez* — appropriates \$600,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 for Gadsden Independent Schools to implement a Promise for Success program. [Identical to S 570]
- H 830 UNM ESTHER MARTINEZ SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, *Salazar* — appropriates \$1.0 million from the General Fund to the UNM Board of Regents for FY 08 and subsequent fiscal years for a Native American language scholarship program in honor of Esther Martinez of Ohkay Owingeh. [Identical to S 719]
- H 841 NM TECH MASTER OF SCIENCE IN TEACHING, *Fox-Young* — appropriates \$250,000 from the General Fund to the NM Tech Board of Regents for FY 08 to support the Master of Science in Teaching program.
- H 844 ALBUQUERQUE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS, *Miera* — makes several appropriations from the General Fund to PED and to the UNM Board of Regents to support community schools in Albuquerque. [Identical to S 696]
- H 846 EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT LICENSING FRAMEWORK, *Miera* — amends the School Personnel Act to provide a licensing framework, including minimum salaries, for educational assistants; prescribes criteria for each of four levels of licensure and specifies these minimum salaries: \$12,000, \$13,000, \$15,000, and \$17,000; requires school districts to implement a career salary framework that supports the licensure system; requires PED to promulgate rules; and appropriates \$4.0 million from the General Fund to the Public School Fund for distribution through the SEG for FY 08. [Identical to S 831]
- H 862 MOUNTAINAIR AFTER-SCHOOL LEARNING CENTERS, *King* — appropriates \$160,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 for after-school learning centers in Mountainair Public Schools.
- H 865 MORA INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM, *Garcia, T* — appropriates \$86,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 for an existing after-school program at Mora Independent Schools. [Identical to S 902]
- H 866 RATON VIRTUAL CLASSROOM, *Garcia, T* — appropriates \$305,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 to implement a distance-learning alternative school curriculum through a virtual classroom in Raton Public Schools.
- H 870 21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS, *Garcia, T* — appropriates \$3.0 million from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 to continue and maintain the 21st Century Community Learning Centers programs. [Identical to S 694]

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- H 874 NM SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS, *Wirth* — appropriates \$750,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 07 and FY 08 to provide financial support for initial start-up costs for the New Mexico School for the Arts; and allows PED to use up to 3.0 percent of the appropriation for administrative costs.
- *H 879 TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, *King* — appropriates \$5.0 million from the General Fund to the Teacher Professional Development Fund for FY 07 and subsequent fiscal years for teacher professional development.
- H 883 UNM COLLEGE PREP MENTORING PROGRAMS, *Arnold-Jones* — appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to the UNM Board of Regents for FY 08 to fund college preparatory mentoring programs at the UNM School of Law for students in grades 8 through 12 in APS.
- *H 885 NEW MEXICO YOUTH DAY, *Maestas* — appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to the Local Government Division of DFA for FY 07 for the New Mexico Youth Day holiday to be held at Los Vecinos Community Center in Tijeras. (May affect public schools)
- H 891 ENMU NETWORK FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, *Foley* — appropriates \$185,000 from the General Fund to the ENMU Board of Regents for FY 08 for the College of Education and Technology to provide professional development for teachers through distance education. [Identical to H 696]
- H 897 NM TECH MESA PROGRAM, *Sandoval* — appropriates \$261,000 from the General Fund to the NM Tech Board of Regents for FY 08 to expand the MESA program.
- H 904 IN-STATE TUITION & FINANCIAL AID ELIGIBILITY, *Foley* — amends statute to delete the provision that makes in-state tuition and state-funded financial aid available to students regardless of immigration status.
- H 905a LAS VEGAS-AREA SHARED GRANT-WRITER POSITION, *Vigil* — appropriates \$75,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 for a grant-writer position, housed at New Mexico Highlands University and shared by West Las Vegas Public Schools, Las Vegas City Public Schools, Luna Community College, the city of Las Vegas, and San Miguel County.
- H 917 AFRICAN AMERICAN EDUCATION & HEALTH CARE, *Stapleton* — appropriates \$75,000 from the General Fund to the Office of African American Affairs for FY 08 for a pilot project to address education and health care disparities for African American children.
- H 926 TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MILITARY DEPENDENTS, *Foley* — amends statute to extend eligibility for the Lottery Success Scholarship to otherwise-qualified dependents of New Mexico residents who are paying New Mexico income taxes but who, as a result of service in the US military, are stationed outside of New Mexico at the time they graduate from high school or earn a GED; and to extend the eligibility time requirement for students who serve in the US military from 120 days to one calendar year.
- H 929 TAOS MIDDLE SCHOOL READING INITIATIVE, *Gonzales* — appropriates \$300,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 for a reading initiative program for Taos Middle School children. [Identical to S 897]

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- H 931a NEW TAOS HIGH SCHOOL MISSION, *Gonzales* — appropriates \$150,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 to implement the newly defined mission for Taos High School. [Similar to S 898]
- H 934 LAS VEGAS & WEST LAS VEGAS SCHOOL SUPPLIES, *Vigil* — appropriates \$20,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 to increase funding for school supplies at West Las Vegas Public Schools and Las Vegas City Public Schools.
- *H 935 SEVERANCE TAX BOND PROJECTS, *Gonzales* — authorizes and clarifies the conditions for the issuance of severance tax bonds and establishes conditions for the reversion of unexpended balances, including educational technology.
- H 938 EARMARKED FUNDS AS CREDIT FOR QWEST CUSTOMERS, *Gardner* — enacts a new section of statute regarding the Qwest settlement in which the Legislature refuses to appropriate the \$5.0 million so that it can be credited to Qwest customers instead. (May affect public schools)
- H 947a QWEST SETTLEMENT FOR “NM STRONG” PROJECT, *Varela* — appropriates nearly \$1.7 million for each fiscal year from FY 07 through FY 09 from the Qwest settlement fund to PED for FY 07 through FY 09 to implement the “New Mexico STRONG” project, a statewide project that includes at least 25 schools identified by PED as needing additional technology resources such as computers for students.
- H 948 PUBLIC SCHOOL INSURANCE FUND INVESTMENTS, *Varela* — amends the Public School Insurance Authority Act to require the NMPSIA board to designate either a registered investment adviser or the State Investment Officer to invest long-term reserves. [Identical to S 754]
- H 950 PUBLIC COMPUTER DATABASE RECORDS, *Rodella* — enacts a new section of the Public Records Act to make computer database information available to the public in electronic format in accordance with the Public Records Act. (May affect public schools)
- H 954 ALBUQUERQUE AFTER-SCHOOL MATH & SCIENCE, *Stapleton* — appropriates \$175,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 and FY 09 for after-school math and science programs in APS using educators, engineers, and those in related fields trained in NASA technology and curriculum. [Identical to S 955]
- H 957 EDUCATIONAL TRAINING FOR G.E.D. CANDIDATES, *Hall* — appropriates \$200,000 from the General Fund to the Local Government Division of DFA for FY 08 for the city of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County to collaborate in providing educational training for persons attempting to earn a GED. [Identical to S 843]
- H 963 NMSU SUMMER DRAMA PROGRAM, *Gutierrez* — appropriates \$55,000 from the General Fund to the NMSU Board of Regents for FY 08 for a summer drama program. (May affect public schools)
- H 968a PUBLIC PROPERTY SALE RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL, *Gonzales* — amends statute to give state agencies, local public bodies, and school districts the right of first refusal before the sale, trade, or lease of certain public property.

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- H 975 NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURAL PERFORMANCES, *Salazar* — appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to the Cultural Affairs Department for FY 08 to support performances of traditional and contemporary Native American performing arts in Santa Fe for the benefit of schoolchildren and the general public. [Identical to S 691]
- H 977 CERTAIN SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS TAX CREDIT, *Strickler* — amends the Income Tax Act to allow a tax credit of up to \$1,000 for contributions made to a school tuition organization to be used for tuition at nongovernmental schools; and a tax credit of up to \$500 for contributions to public schools to support extracurricular activities.
- H 992 PRC REPORTS ON QWEST SETTLEMENT, *Gardner* — enacts a new section of statute to require the PRC to report quarterly to the LFC on the progress of implementing the provisions of the Qwest settlement. (May affect public schools)
- H 993 STATE EXPENDITURE WEB SITE, *McCoy* — enacts a new section of statute to require DFA to establish a searchable taxpayer transparency website that provides the public with information about state revenues and expenditures of state agencies; and prescribes contents of the website. (May affect PED)
- H 999a REDUCE SCHOOL FINANCE STATE CREDIT, *Martinez,K* — amends the Public School Finance Act to reduce the state credit for local and federal revenue for the SEG through increments beginning in FY 08, with a reduction to 65 percent, and ending on July 1, 2012, with zero percent; and provides that the amount of local revenue and the federal revenue for which the state does not take credit be budgeted and expended for capital outlay.
- H 1012a SCHOOL BUS FUEL TAX DEDUCTIONS, *Gonzales* — amends statute to provide various deductions, exemptions, refunds, and credits for education-related purposes, including school bus fuel tax deductions, a tuition scholarship tax credit, a home school tax credit, and a high-needs school teacher tax credit; and provides for a delayed repeal of the tuition scholarship tax credit.
- H 1028 CHAVES COUNTY YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM, *Gardner* — appropriates \$150,000 from the General Fund to the Local Government Division of DFA for FY 08 for a Chaves County youth leadership program aimed toward breaking the cycle of violence for high-risk youth. (May affect public schools)
- H 1040 DELINQUENCY CODE CHILDREN’S MENTAL HEALTH, *Miera* — amends the Children’s Code regarding the disposition of a child with a mental disorder or developmental disability in a delinquency proceeding. (May affect public schools)
- H 1041 REIMBURSEMENT FOR TRANSPORTATION TO SCHOOL, *Miera* — amends the Public School Code regarding transportation to allow a local school board to provide per capita or per mile reimbursement to a parent or guardian in cases where regular bus transportation to and from the child’s school is unavailable and the child is required to use alternative methods of transportation.
- H 1043 IMPROVE TEACHER RECRUITMENT & RETENTION, *King* — appropriates \$500,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 to improve teacher recruitment, preparation, and retention by providing classroom experience for future New Mexico teachers under the guidance of master teachers.

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- H 1044 STATEWIDE YOUTH MUSIC COMPETITION, *Chasey* — appropriates \$25,000 from the General Fund to the Cultural Affairs Department for FY 08 to contract with a nonprofit music organization that organizes a competition in which New Mexico children up to age 12 hear their musical compositions performed in concert and produced on a CD. [Identical to S 729]
- H 1051 QUALITY OF LIFE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, *King* — appropriates \$500,000 from the General Fund to the Governor’s Commission on Disability for FY 08 to fund the commission’s participation in programs designed to improve the quality of life for persons with disabilities and to promote public awareness about disabilities in the public schools. [Identical to S 333]
- H 1053 CAMPAIGN REPORTING ACT EXCEPTION STATEMENTS, *McCoy* — amends the Campaign Reporting Act to eliminate statements of exception, which are filed by candidates for covered offices who intend neither to raise nor spend the minimum amount required for filing reports of expenditures and contributions. (May affect the PEC)
- H 1057 ALBUQUERQUE 21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING, *Chavez* — appropriates \$125,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 for after-school enrichment programs at the 21st Century Community Learning Centers in APS.
- H 1076 SCHOOL BUS DRIVER MINIMUM SALARIES, *Swisstack* — adds a new section of the Public School Code to require a minimum salary for school bus drivers of \$80 per day, including drivers who are on call for driving during a school day; and appropriates more than \$9.4 million from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 to provide these minimum salaries for school bus drivers.
- H 1079 CHAVES COUNTY CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, *Gardner* — appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to the Local Government Division of DFA for FY 08 to support a character development program in Chaves County.
- H 1080 100-YEAR WATER USE PLANNING, *Campos,J* — amends statute to provide for a water use planning period of 100 years. (May affect public schools)
- H 1084 SUPERCOMPUTER TRAINING FOR STUDENTS, *Lujan,B* — appropriates \$160,000 from the General Fund to the NM Tech Board of Regents for FY 08 for a statewide program that trains middle and high school students on the use of supercomputers and that improves teaching techniques in science, math, engineering, and technology.
- H 1085 NEW MEXICO QUALITY AWARDS PROGRAM, *Lujan,B* — appropriates \$250,000 from the General Fund to the Economic Development Department for FY 08 to support the administration of the New Mexico Quality Awards. (May affect public schools) [Identical to H 1174]
- *H 1086 RETIREE HEALTH CARE FUND AS IRREVOCABLE TRUST, *Lujan,B* — amends the Retiree Health Care Act to designate the Retiree Health Care Fund as an irrevocable trust.
- H 1091 EDUCATIONAL RETIREMENT BENEFITS & CALCULATION, *Stewart* — amends the Educational Retirement Act to increase the retirement benefit and to change the calculation of the average annual salary.

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- H 1095 BERNALILLO COMPUTER CLUBHOUSES, *Maestas* — appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to the Local Government Division of DFA for FY 08 for computer clubhouses that give youth access to computer technology and mentors in Bernalillo County. (May affect public schools)
- H 1098 ENMU K-12 TEACHER SCIENCE & MATH DEVELOPMENT, *Campos,J* — appropriates \$200,000 from the General Fund to the ENMU Board of Regents for FY 08 to pay for a kindergarten through grade 12 science and math teacher development program. [Identical to H 1131 & S 1025]
- H 1099 ALLOW CERTAIN WRITE-IN CANDIDATES, *Barela* — amends the Election Code to delete the requirement that write-in candidates for offices in primary and general elections, including the PEC, must file a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate; to require ballots to provide a space for the voter to write in the name of any person; and to delete certain other requirements applicable to write-in candidates.
- H 1115 MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL SUPERCOMPUTER TRAINING, *Gonzales* — appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to the NM Tech Board of Regents for FY 08 for a statewide program that trains middle and high school students on the use of supercomputers and that improves teaching techniques in science, mathematics, engineering, and technology.
- H 1117 WEST LAS VEGAS SCHOOL “SAFETEEN NM” PROGRAM, *Vigil* — appropriates \$17,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 to implement a SAFETEEN New Mexico program at West Las Vegas and Robertson high schools in Las Vegas.
- H 1119 ESPAÑOLA AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS, *Lujan,B* — appropriates \$150,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 for after-school programs for elementary and middle school children in Española Public Schools.
- H 1120 POJOAQUE VALLEY AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS, *Lujan,B* — appropriates \$150,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 for after-school programs for elementary and middle school children in Pojoaque Valley Public Schools.
- H 1123 VALENCIA HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY BOOKS, *Barreras* — appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 for library books for Valencia High School.
- *H 1125 NEW ALBUQUERQUE HIGH SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION, *Youngberg* — appropriates \$130.0 million from the General Fund to PED for FY 07 through FY 10 to plan, design, construct, equip, and furnish a new northwest high school in APS, according to criteria for a loan agreement and loan repayment prescribed in the bill.
- H 1131 ENMU K-12 TEACHER SCIENCE & MATH DEVELOPMENT, *Gardner* — appropriates \$200,000 from the General Fund to the ENMU Board of Regents for FY 08 to pay for a kindergarten through grade 12 science and math teacher development program. [Identical to H 1098 & S 1025]
- H 1138 HIGH-NEEDS SCHOOLS TEACHER TAX CREDITS, *Miera* — enacts a new section of the Income Tax Act to provide a tax credit – up to \$1,500 for Level 2 teachers and \$2,000 for Level 3-A teachers – for teachers in a “high-needs school”; defines the term “high-needs

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school” and requires PED to determine criteria for classifying a school as high-needs and to provide a list of Level 2 and Level 3-A teachers to the TRD each year; and appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 to implement the PED functions associated with implementation of the tax credit. [Identical to S 927]

- H 1146 BUILDING TRADES PROGRAM INTERN STIPENDS, *Park* — appropriates \$230,000 from the General Fund to the Local Government Division of DFA for FY 08 and subsequent fiscal years for the Mid-Region Council of Governments to provide stipends to qualified student interns participating in a charter school building trades and technology program in Bernalillo County. [Identical to S 995]

- H 1159 STUDENTS AT SEMI-PRO BASKETBALL GAMES, *Gutierrez* — appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 to purchase and distribute tickets to school students for semiprofessional basketball games. [Similar to S 1132a]

- H 1162 PUBLIC RETIREES RETURNING TO WORK, *Garica,MP* — amends the PERA to provide that a retired member may return to work only if the affiliated public employer is a municipality with a population under 20,000 or a county with a population under 50,000.

- H 1163 SANTA FE YOUTH COURT FOR SCHOOL OFFENSES, *Varela* — appropriates \$300,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 through FY 10 for the development and implementation by Santa Fe Public Schools of a Santa Fe youth court as an alternative method of dealing with school-based offenses. [Identical to S 891]

- H 1167 BELEN AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS, *Barreras* — appropriates \$150,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 for after-school math and reading tutoring programs in Belen Consolidated Schools.

- H 1168 LOS LUNAS AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS, *Barreras* — appropriates \$150,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 for teacher training and materials for after-school programs in Los Lunas Public Schools.

- H 1170 UNM AFRICAN AMERICAN COURSES & FELLOWSHIP, *Stapleton* — appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to the UNM Board of Regents for FY 08 to bridge the achievement gap for high school students and first-year university students to prepare for university coursework in the field of African American studies and to provide fellowships and assistantships for graduate and post-doctoral students and a distinguished lecture series in African American studies.

- H 1174 NEW MEXICO QUALITY AWARDS PROGRAM, *Wallace* — appropriates \$250,000 from the General Fund to the Economic Development Department for FY 08 to support the administration of the New Mexico Quality Awards. (May affect public schools) [Identical to H 1085]

- H 1176 STATE HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT, *Lujan,B* — appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 for the annual state high school basketball tournament.

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- H 1195 UNM LANGUAGE TEACHER DEVELOPMENT, *Stewart* — appropriates \$1.5 million from the General Fund to the UNM Board of Regents for FY 08 to support statewide language teacher professional development in the use of educational content for Hispanic or Native American English language learners.
- H 1214 ALBUQUERQUE SCIENCE & CHILDREN’S MUSEUM, *Picraux* — appropriates \$50,000 from the General Fund to the Cultural Affairs Department for FY 08 for outreach programs at a science center and children’s museum in Albuquerque.
- H 1215 UNM WILD FRIENDS PROGRAM, *Stewart* — appropriates \$75,000 from the General Fund to the UNM Board of Regents for FY 08 for the Wild Friends program to help students from grades 4 through 12 understand the democratic process, develop good citizenship skills, and contribute to wildlife conservation by involving them in public policy projects.
- H 1219 DISPLAY U.S. FLAG IN ALL PUBLIC BUILDINGS, *Powdrell-Culbert* — requires and
CS/H 1219 prescribes criteria for the display of the US flag at every public building or location in the state with a flagpole or other facility to display a flag. (May affect public schools)
- H 1222 HEALTH SECURITY ACT, *Gonzales* — enacts the Health Security Act to create a program that ensures health care coverage to all New Mexicans, to control escalating health care costs, and to improve the health care of all New Mexicans; creates the Health Care Commission, whose 15 members are to be appointed by the Governor from each of the 10 PEC districts, based upon nominees by the Health Care Commission Membership Nominating Committee, which the bill also creates; requires the Health Care Commission to appoint a chief executive officer; prescribes authority and duties of the commission, among them adopting a five-year health security plan; and, among other provisions, requires the LFC to determine financing options for the health security plan. [Identical to S 720]
- H 1223 NORTHERN NM MUSIC & PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAM, *Salazar* — appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to the Local Government Division of DFA for FY 08 to contract with a nonprofit organization to provide after-school and summer-session music and visual and performing arts education programs in Truchas, Cordova, and Ojo Sarco. [Identical to S 1009]
- H 1231 NEW MEXICO STORY PROJECT PROGRAM, *Lujan,B* — appropriates \$350,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 to implement the New Mexico Story Project to introduce school children to the right oral histories and traditions of the state and preserve those histories and traditions. [Similar to S 1135a]
- H 1232 VIDEO GAME & GAME EQUIPMENT TAX, *Chasey* — adds new sections to statute to impose an excise tax on TVs, video games, and video game equipment; creates the Healthy Kids Outdoor Fund for appropriation to the Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department for its State Parks Division, in conjunction with PED, to develop certain educational programs and teaching materials for children; and provides that 95 percent of the net receipts from the excise tax be distributed to the Healthy Kids Outdoor Fund and invested by the State Treasurer, with the remaining 5.0 percent for the department’s administration of the program.

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- H 1234 WATER PLANS FOR CERTAIN ENTITIES, *Wirth* — amends statute to require entities, including school districts, that are allowed to acquire and hold unused water rights for up to 40 years to submit water management plans to the State Engineer; and prescribes the components that the plans must include. [Similar to S 1118a]
- H 1246 ENGLISH TEACHER COLLABORATION PROGRAM, *Garcia,MH* — appropriates \$25,000 from the General Fund to the NMSU Board of Regents for FY 08 for the English Teacher Collaboration program, which provides professional development for teachers of secondary and postsecondary English.
- H 1249 LOS LUNAS AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS, *Barreras* — appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 to support after-school programs in Los Lunas Public Schools.
- H 1250 BELEN AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS, *Barreras* — appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 for after-school programs for Belen Consolidated Schools.
- H 1259 EDUCATIONAL RETIREMENT EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS, *Miera* — amends the Educational Retirement Act to increase the employer's contribution by .10 percent over the current statutory rates for each of the next five fiscal years (FY 08 through FY 12).
- H 1260 JUVENILE JUSTICE CYBER ACADEMY, *Miera* — enacts a new section of statute to require CYFD to establish the Juvenile Justice Cyber Academy to serve children placed in CYFD custody through the juvenile justice system; prescribes duties of the academy and requires that courses offered meet PED content standards and performance measures; appropriates more than \$1.0 million from the General Fund to CYFD for FY 08 to establish the academy; and appropriates more than \$800,000 from the General Fund to CYFD for FY 07 and FY 08 for other expenses.
- H 1261 BERNALILLO CULTURAL & ARTS PROGRAMS, *Miera* — appropriates \$40,000 from the General Fund to the Cultural Affairs Department for FY 08 for cultural and arts programs and educational outreach in Bernalillo County.
- H 1267 HEALTH CARE REFORM INITIATIVES, *Foley* — amends statute to require that proceeds from the tobacco settlement program be used solely for tobacco research and cessation programs; and, among other provisions, to require that the unit in physical education required for graduation emphasize the long-range benefits of proper nutrition and exercise. [Identical to S 1173]
- H 1290 LEVEL 3 SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR LICENSURE, *Vigil* — amends the School Personnel Act to provide that a Level 3-B administrative license may be awarded to someone who, in lieu of a year's experience as a Level 3-A instructional leader, has been employed as a professional in an administrative setting as determined by rules promulgated by the department. [Similar to CS/H 1312]
- H 1295 RETALIATION FOR ETHICS VIOLATION REPORTING, *Maestas* — enacts a new section of the Governmental Conduct Act to prohibit public employers from retaliating against employees for reporting suspected violations of the act.

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- H 1300a FOSTER CARE STATE CUSTODY UNTIL 21ST BIRTHDAY, *Zanetti* — enacts a new section of statute to allow a child who has been in foster care to delay leaving state care until the child's 21st birthday.
- H 1312 SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR LICENSURE, *Stapleton (Garcia ,TA)* — enacts a new section of the School Personnel Act to require PED to grant a Level 3-B license to an applicant who, pursuant to PED rules, has met certain criteria: experience as a professional working in an educational setting, completion of courses and apprenticeship in administration, and demonstration of instructional leader competence. [Similar to H 1290]
- CS/H 1312
- H 1338 LEVEL 3 SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR LICENSURE, *Stewart* — amends the School Personnel Act to delete the provisions for minimum annual salaries for school principals based on school size.
- CS/H 1338

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- HJR 3 SCHOOL ELECTIONS WITH GENERAL ELECTIONS, CA, *Zanetti* — proposes to amend Article 7, Section 1 of the state constitution to provide that a regular election of a school district with a population greater than 300,000 must be held in conjunction with a general election. [Identical to SJR 19]
- HJR 4 LIMIT 30-DAY SESSION BILL TYPES, CA, *Moore* — proposes to amend Article 4, Section 5 of the state constitution to limit the types of bills that can be introduced pursuant to special messages of the Governor during even-numbered regular sessions to those bills addressing a major disaster or emergency declared by the US President. (May affect public schools)
- HJR 9 LIMIT LEGISLATIVE EXPENDITURE INCREASES, CA, *Taylor,T* — proposes to amend Article 4 of the state constitution to limit the Legislature's ability to increase state expenditures. (May affect public schools)
- HJR 10a SCHOOL BOARD RECALL ELECTION VOTERS, CA, *Garcia,MH* — proposes to amend Article 12, Section 14 of the state constitution to provide that, in a local school board recall election, only voters eligible to vote to elect the school board member may petition and vote to recall that member.

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- HJM 12 NEW MEXICO AS ENERGY CONSERVATION LEADER, *Stewart* — resolves that New Mexico become a leader in reducing greenhouse gases through energy conservation and the use of alternative energy, including such initiatives as recycling programs in public schools.
- HJM 13a OPPOSE CREATION OF NATIONAL ID CARD, *Martinez,K* — expresses the policy of the state of New Mexico to oppose the implementation of any part of the federal REAL ID Act. (May affect public schools)

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- HJM 14 OBJECTIVE TEACHING OF BIOLOGICAL ORIGINS, *Williams* — requests that PED ensure that teachers have the right and freedom, when teaching a theory of biological origin, to inform students of strengths and weaknesses of the theory with impunity and that students are encouraged to analyze scientific information critically and reach their own conclusions. [Identical to SJM 9]
- HJM 36 STUDENT HEALTH & FITNESS REPORT CARDS, *Varela* — requests that PED study the feasibility of implementing a statewide health and fitness report card program and that PED report its findings and recommendations, if any, to the LESC prior to the second session of the 48th Legislature.
- HJM 44 EXTRATERRITORIAL ZONING TASK FORCE, *Lundstrom* — requests that the Association of Counties and the Municipal League assemble an extraterritorial task force to review and recommend changes to the laws governing planning, zoning, annexation, and development of lands in the extraterritorial zones, including the location of schools.
- HJM 48a WATER DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AUTHORITY, *Stewart* — requests that the State Engineer convene representative stakeholders to develop recommendations to the State Engineer relating to planning authority that should be allowed municipalities, counties, school districts, state universities, member-owned community water systems, special water users associations, and regulated water and electric public utilities. [Similar to HM 42a, which passed]

SENATE BILLS

- S 2 GENERAL APPROPRIATION ACT OF 2007, *Smith* — makes general appropriations from the General Fund and authorizes the expenditures by agencies for FY 08; among its provisions, appropriates more than \$2.4 billion in Public School Support from the General Fund; among its other provisions: provides funding for an average 4.25 percent salary increase for all teachers, other instructional staff, and other licensed and unlicensed staff; provides funding to implement the \$50,000 minimum salary for Level 3-A teachers; appropriates more than \$6.5 million for elementary physical education, contingent on successful legislation; appropriates more than \$16.5 million to expand Kindergarten Plus, contingent on successful legislation; provides funding for school districts to implement a formula-based program for districts to use current-year membership in the calculation of program units; prescribes performance measures; provides funding for a .75 percent increase in the employer contribution to the Educational Retirement Fund; requires PED and CYFD to report jointly and quarterly to the LESC and the LFC on the implementation of New Mexico PreK, including student progress by department; and other recurring and nonrecurring appropriations. [Identical to H 7]
- S 24 NMSU SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & MATH PROGRAMS, *Nava* — appropriates \$500,000 from the General Fund to the NMSU Board of Regents for FY 08 to pay for coordination and expansion of science, technology, engineering, and math educational outreach programs. [Identical to H 109]

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- S 25 NMSU ALLIANCE FOR ADVANCEMENT OF TEACHING, *Nava* — appropriates \$200,000 from the General Fund to the NMSU Board of Regents for FY 08 to pay for the P-20 Alliance for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning. [Identical to H 138 & similar to S 42]
- S 29 SCIENCE EDUCATION & TEACHER OUTREACH PROGRAM, *Nava* — appropriates \$300,000 from the General Fund to the NMSU Board of Regents for FY 08 to pay for a science education enhancement and kindergarten through grade 12 teacher outreach program. [Identical to H 111]
- S 36 ELECTED OFFICIAL DRUG TESTING ACT, *Komadina* — enacts the Elected Officials Drug Testing Act to require that all elected officials of the state, including officers of federal and local governments, be subject to random selection by the Secretary of State to participate in a voluntary drug testing program in which each elected official must be selected at least once annually; requires that results of the test, together with an explanation by any official who declines to participate, be posted on the Secretary of State’s website; and appropriates \$50,000 from the General Fund to the Secretary of State for FY 08 to implement the act. (May affect members of local school boards and the PEC)
- S 37 PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE INSURANCE CONTRIBUTION, *Komadina* — amends statute to provide uniform contributions for health insurance for public school employees, including those in APS, of at least 80 percent of the cost of the insurance.
- S 40 NMSU SPACE CONSORTIUM & OUTREACH PROGRAM, *Rawson* — appropriates \$525,000 from the General Fund to the NMSU Board of Regents for FY 08 to pay for the Space Consortium and Outreach Program. (May affect public schools) [Identical to H 54]
- S 41 NMSU EARLY CHILDHOOD RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT, *Nava* — appropriates \$250,000 from the General Fund to the NMSU Board of Regents for FY 08 to pay for the Southwest Institute for Early Childhood Research and Development. [Identical to H 139]
- S 42 ALLIANCE FOR ADVANCEMENT OF TEACHING, *Rawson* — appropriates \$150,000 from the General Fund to the NMSU Board of Regents for FY 08 to fund the operations of the Alliance for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning. [Similar to H 138 & S 25]
- S 48 TRANSITIONAL SUPPORT FOR FOSTER YOUTH, *Komadina* — amends the Children’s Code to provide transitional support for foster youth while in the custody of the state; and to require the development of an educational next-step plan for children beginning at age 14.
- S 54 NM HIGHLANDS PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT PROGRAM, *Campos,P* — appropriates \$910,000 from the General Fund to the NMHU Board of Regents for FY 08 to fund the Practice Makes Perfect Program to prepare secondary students for the next grade level and for college. [Identical to H 413]
- S 68 CS/S 68a SCHOOL DISTRICT DELINQUENCY PETITION NOTICES, *Neville* — requires CYFD and PED to promulgate joint rules for the development and implementation of an education and management plan for a child who poses a danger to himself or herself or to the community and who is adjudicated as a delinquent or arrested for a crime that, upon adjudication, may make the child a youthful offender or a serious youthful offender. [Similar to H 32]

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- S 72 TRANSPORTATION OF PRE-K STUDENTS TO SCHOOL, *Nava* — amends several sections of the Public School Code and enacts a new section of the Pre-Kindergarten Act to provide transportation of pre-kindergarten students to public schools and private providers and to provide transportation for students in Kindergarten Plus. (For the LESC)
- S 73a SCHOOL PRINCIPAL SALARY CALCULATION CHANGES, *Nava* — amends the School Personnel Act to implement minimum salaries for principals and assistant principals that include a responsibility factor by school level and an evaluation component that includes data sources linked to student achievement and the educational plan for student success. (For the LESC) [Identical to H 35a, which passed]
- *S 74 NEW SCHOOL OPERATION COSTS, *Nava* — appropriates \$1.0 million from the General Fund to the New School Development Fund for FY 07 and subsequent fiscal years to make distributions to school districts to pay costs unique to the first year of operation of new schools. (For the LESC)
- S 75 NM TECH SUMMER SCIENCE PROGRAM, *Nava* — appropriates \$72,000 from the General Fund to the New Mexico Tech Board of Regents for FY 08 to provide tuition scholarships for New Mexico high school students attending a summer science program. (For the LESC) [Identical to H 45]
- *S 76 NEW MEXICO SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS ACT, *Nava* — amends statute to authorize the creation of a state-chartered, statewide charter residential high school for the arts to provide intensive pre-professional and professional training for students with demonstrated artistic abilities and potential; and appropriates \$750,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 07 and FY 08 to provide financial support for initial start-up costs, including planning and outreach activities. (For the LESC) [Similar to H 260a]
- *S 77 ENLACE PROGRAM AT CERTAIN SCHOOLS, *Nava* — appropriates \$400,000 to each of the following entities to support ENLACE programs: the UNM Board of Regents, the NMSU Board of Regents, and HED (for Santa Fe Community College). (For the LESC) [Similar to *H 325a]
- S 78 EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY DEFICIENCY CORRECTION, *Nava* — makes several
CS/S 78 appropriations from the Computer Systems Enhancement Fund: \$27.0 million to the Educational Technology Deficiency Correction Fund for FY 07 and subsequent fiscal years to correct serious deficiencies; \$24.0 million to PED for FY 07 and FY 08 to replace functionally obsolete computers and network devices; and \$8.5 million to fund the infrastructure to support statewide distance learning; and makes several other appropriations: \$1.45 million to HED for FY 07 and FY 08 for program administration, information technology services and maintenance costs; \$630,000 to PED for FY 07 and FY 08 for initial program costs for the statewide cyber academy; \$120,000 for RECs 3, 8, and 9 for distance learning networks; \$50,000 for Rio Rancho Public Schools for the Rio Rancho Cyber Academy; and \$40,000 for school districts to support distance learning (Original bill for the LESC) [Identical to CS/H 62]
- S 79a MIDDLE SCHOOL INTERNATIONAL FILM EDUCATION, *Nava* — appropriates \$400,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 to contract for a program to develop and implement an interdisciplinary international education program that helps New Mexico middle school students acquire the knowledge and skills needed for success in the 21st Century while expanding basic proficiency in reading, writing, mathematics, science, social studies, and critical thinking. (For the LESC) [Identical to H 187a]

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- S 82 RURAL AREA CHILD LITERACY PROGRAMS, *Sanchez,M* — appropriates \$1.5 million from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 and FY 09 to provide integrated in-school, after-school, and summer supplementary literacy programs for kindergarten through 8th grade children from rural areas at a minimum of 15 school sites. [Identical to H 65]
- S 90 NEW MEXICO-GROWN PRODUCE FOR SCHOOL LUNCHESES, *Feldman* — appropriates \$1.4 million from the General Fund to the NMSU Board of Regents for FY 08 and subsequent fiscal years for the New Mexico Department of Agriculture to purchase New Mexico-grown fresh fruits and vegetables for school lunches statewide. [Identical to H 264]
- S 96a SCHOOL VOLUNTEER BACKGROUND CHECKS, *Cravens* — appropriates \$500,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 to pay the costs of background checks for parent volunteers in public and charter schools.
- S 103 CYFD CHILD CARE PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY, *Lopez* — appropriates \$18.2 million from the General Fund to CYFD for FY 08 for several child care programs, including \$1.0 million for scholarships to help early childhood teachers study child development and early learning while earning college degrees. [Identical to H 232]
- S 110 LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIP TUITION INCREASES, *Ingle* — amends statute to require that, for students receiving a lottery tuition scholarship, the tuition rate in effect when the student first qualifies remains in effect during the rest of the semesters in which the student receives the scholarship.
- S 118 WNMU TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM, *Altamirano* — appropriates \$388,600 from the General Fund to the WNMU Board of Regents for FY 08 to maintain the web-based teacher preparation program.
- *S 136 PARENT INVOLVEMENT & SCHOOL READINESS PROGRAM, *Garcia,MJ* — appropriates \$500,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 07 and FY 08 to fund a parent involvement and school readiness pilot program for families of children from birth to age three. (For the LESC)
- S 140 MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER SCIENCE & MATH TRAINING, *Martinez,R* — appropriates \$250,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of Northern New Mexico College for FY 08 to provide a program to train middle school teachers to improve their skills, knowledge, and techniques for teaching science, math, and technology. [Identical to H 129]
- S 149 MIDDLE SCHOOL DRUG DEMAND REDUCTION, *Sanchez,B* — appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to the Crisis Response Program 722 of the Department of Military Affairs for FY 08 for a drug demand reduction program through the Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program for at-risk middle and high school students. [Identical to H 544]
- S 150 ALBUQUERQUE SCHOOL AFTER-SCHOOL ACADEMIES, *Sanchez,B* — appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 for after-school academies of excellence at 21st Century Community Learning Centers in APS.

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- S 164a PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN WITH CERTAIN DISORDERS, *Feldman* — appropriates a total of \$7.75 million from the General Fund for FY 08 and subsequent fiscal years to establish and operate programs for neurodevelopmental disorders, including autism, with the total appropriation to be divided into three appropriations for specific purposes, two to the Department of Health and one to the NMSU Board of Regents. (May affect public schools)
- *S 169 SCHOOL CLOSURE MORATORIUM, *Beffort* — enacts a temporary provision in the Public School Code to enact a moratorium on closing a public school until July 1, 2008; to require that, after that date, any contemplated closures be reconsidered in light of the findings of the Funding Formula Study Task Force; to allow a school district that had considered closing a school before the effective date of the legislation to apply to PED for continued funding to operate the school; and appropriates \$5.5 million from the General Fund to PED for FY 07 and FY 08 to provide funding to school districts to which the moratorium applies.
- S 171 DOÑA ANA COUNTY HOMELESS SERVICES, *Papen* — appropriates \$300,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Health for FY 08 to fund five agencies that currently operate in a one-stop center in Doña Ana County to address the needs of the homeless community. (May affect public schools)
- S 184 RETURN TO EMPLOYMENT FOR CERTAIN RETIREES, *Smith* — amends the Educational Retirement Act to allow the return-to-work option until June 30, 2008, rather than January 1, 2012, and to prescribe conditions for the return-to-work.
- *S 188 INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT PROVIDER LICENSURE, *Papen* — amends the School Personnel Act to require PED to establish a progressive licensure and compensation framework for instructional support providers, to issue licenses for instructional support providers, to adopt a highly objective performance evaluation for professional instructional support providers; establishes minimum salary levels for specified instructional support providers at \$30,000 for Level 1, \$40,000 for Level 2, and \$50,000 for Level 3, to be implemented in school year 2008-2009; and appropriates \$250,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 07 and FY 08 to establish the licensure framework and to implement the evaluation system by June 30, 2008. (For the LESC) [Identical to *H 199]
- S 199 SANTA FE SUMMER DAY CAMPS, *Rodriguez* — appropriates \$600,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 to pay expenses for Santa Fe summer day camps. [Identical to H 646]
- S 207 SUSPENSION OF CERTAIN SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS, *Nava* — amends the Public School Code to allow PED to suspend a member of a local school board or a member of the governing body of a charter school for malfeasance, misfeasance, neglect of duty, or violation of the oath of office; and to clarify that PED may suspend the governing body of a charter school or a charter school administrator under the same terms in which it may suspend a local school board, superintendent, or principal.
- S 217a UNM GEOGRAPHIC ALLIANCE PROGRAM, *Campos,P* — appropriates \$500,000 from the General Fund to the UNM Board of Regents for FY 08 and subsequent fiscal years to match other money from non-state sources to establish an endowment to fund the New Mexico geographic alliance program and for geographic education in New Mexico public schools.

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- S 223 STUDY SCHOOL DUAL CREDIT PROGRAMS, *Leavell* — enacts a new section of statute to require HED to study dual credit education programs and to prepare a report on the findings of the study; prescribes components of the study, which is to focus on two school districts paired with postsecondary institutions; and prescribes contents of the report, which is to address a variety of student outcomes and to recommend a method for funding dual credit.
- CS/S 225 S 225 FILM INDUSTRY CHILD LABOR PROVISIONS, *Komadina* — enacts a new section of employment law called the Child Labor Act to prescribe conditions for the employment of children in the film industry and other performing arts; makes corresponding amendments to existing law; and provides penalties for violations. (May affect public schools) [Similar to S 476]
- S 232a PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS & COSTS, *Garcia, MJ* — enacts a new section of the Public School Finance Act to provide for elementary physical education program units in the calculation of program cost; makes a technical correction to the Public School Finance Act to add charter school student activities program units to the list of units that determine program cost; and adds a new section of the Public School Code to ensure that all schools will be eligible to participate in elementary physical education programs on a priority basis. (For the LESC) [Identical to H 208a, which passed]
- S 234 LOS LUNAS COLLEGE READINESS INITIATIVE, *Taylor, JG* — appropriates \$650,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 for a college readiness and high school redesign initiative in Los Lunas Public Schools. [Identical to H 217]
- S 238a LYNN & ERIN COMPASSIONATE USE ACT, *Ortiz y Pino* — enacts the Lynn and Erin Compassionate Use Act to allow the beneficial use of medical cannabis in a regulated system for alleviating symptoms caused by debilitating medical conditions and their medical treatments. (May affect public schools)
- S 241 BORDER & INDIGENOUS EDUCATION CENTER, *Nava* — appropriates \$400,000 from the General Fund to the NMSU Board of Regents for FY 08 for the Center for Border and Indigenous Educational Leadership.
- S 242a NEXT GENERATION FUND, *Nava* — appropriates \$10.0 million from the General Fund to the Next Generation Fund for FY 08 and subsequent years to promote positive child and youth development. [Similar to H 756]
- S 243 STRENGTHENING QUALITY IN SCHOOL INITIATIVE, *Nava* — appropriates \$810,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 for the Strengthening Quality in Schools initiative.
- S 244 RE:LEARNING PROGRAM, *Nava* — appropriates \$750,000 from the General Fund to the ENMU Board of Regents for FY 08 to continue the Re:Learning program.
- S 245 REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY ASSISTANCE, *Nava* — appropriates \$600,000 from the General Fund to the NMSU Board of Regents for FY 08 for the Regional Educational Technology Assistance program.
- S 246 NM GOLDEN APPLE PROGRAM, *Nava* — appropriates \$500,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 for the Golden Apple program.

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- S 252 DIVERSE POPULATION EDUCATION & STUDY CENTER, *Nava* — appropriates \$170,000 from the General Fund to the NMHU Board of Regents for FY 08 for the Center for the Education and Study of Diverse Populations.
- S 253 SCIENCE EDUCATION & TEACHER OUTREACH, *Nava* — appropriates \$300,000 from the General Fund to the NMSU Board of Regents for FY 08 and subsequent fiscal years to provide the state match for a grant from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute for science education enhancement and teacher outreach; and prescribes several purposes of the grant and the state match.
- S 254 FIESTA EDUCATIVA PARENT CONFERENCE & OUTREACH, *Nava* — appropriates \$15,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 for Gadsden Independent Schools for the Fiesta Educativa Parent Conference and outreach activities.
- S 256 NORTHERN NEW MEXICO NETWORK, *Nava* — appropriates \$170,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 for the Northern New Mexico Network for its math and science programs.
- S 265 ACCELERATE INCOME TAX RATE REDUCTIONS, *Altamirano* — repeals one section of the Income Tax Act and enacts another to accelerate the implementation of income tax rate reductions. (May affect public schools) [Identical to H 788]
- *S 280 STATE AGENCY EXPENDITURES, *Carraro* — makes appropriations and authorizes expenditures by state agencies for FY 07 and FY 08, including appropriations to several agencies – the Administrative Office of the Courts, judicial districts, the Economic Development Department, and PED – for projects in public schools.
- *S 281 CAPITAL OUTLAY EXPENDITURES, *Carraro* — makes appropriations from the General Fund for a variety of capital expenditures, including appropriations to PED to fund numerous projects at public schools throughout the state.
- S 284a CERTAIN SCHOLARSHIP DONATION TAX CREDITS, *Boitano* — amends the Income Tax Act to allow a tax credit of up to \$500 for contributions made to a school tuition organization or auxiliary entity to be used for tuition at nongovernmental schools; and a tax credit of up to \$250 for contributions to public schools to support extracurricular activities.
- *S 294 SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM, *Campos,P* — appropriates \$5.0 million from the General Fund to the Office of Workforce Training and Development for FY 07 and
*CS/S 294 from the General Fund to the Office of Workforce Training and Development for FY 07 and FY 08 to fund a statewide summer youth employment pilot program. (May affect public schools) [Identical to *CS/H 419]
- S 299a UNM SCHOOL OF MEDICINE HEALTH CAREER PATHWAY, *Sanchez,B* — appropriates nearly \$1.9 million from the General Fund to the UNM Board of Regents for FY 08 and FY 09 to provide funding to encourage underrepresented students and to retain them in the health sciences field and health professions. [Similar to H 660a]
- S 310a CERTAIN RETIREES RETURNING TO WORK, *Griego* — amends the PERA to require that a retired member may return to work after July 1, 2007 only for a renewable two-year period to fill a critical need as determined by resolution of the agency. [Identical to H 313a, which passed but was pocket vetoed]

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- S 316 SCHOOL COMMUNITY SERVICE LEARNING, *Nava* — appropriates \$250,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 to support a regional center network to support teachers and community educators in incorporating community service learning into standards-based education.
- S 317a WORKING FAMILIES TAX CREDIT, *Ortiz y Pino* — makes numerous changes to tax provisions in statute, including accelerating the implementation of income tax reductions, providing a tax credit for home schooling, and creating the Tuition Scholarship Tax Credit, which allows a tax credit of up to \$500 for contributions made to a school tuition organization on behalf of a nongovernmental elementary or secondary school in New Mexico.
- *S 319 INVESTMENTS & PENSIONS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, *Smith* — creates the State Investment and Retirement Systems Oversight Committee to oversee state investments and retirement systems; prescribes membership, powers, and duties of the committee; requires the PERA, the ERB, the State Investment Council, DFA, and the State Treasurer to assist the committee; requires the LCS to provide staff for the committee; and appropriates \$150,000 from the General Fund to the LCS for FY 07 and FY 08 to pay for technical and legal assistance and other outside consultants and other expenses. [Identical to *H 315a]
- S 320 NURSE IN EVERY SCHOOL PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION, *Nava* — enacts a new section of the Public School Code to require PED to adopt rules to implement the Nurse in Every School Program over a six-year phase-in beginning in school year 2007-2008; and appropriates \$3.2 million from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 to implement the program.
- S 333 QUALITY OF LIFE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, *Komadina* — appropriates \$500,000 from the General Fund to the Governor’s Commission on Disability for FY 08 to fund the commission’s participation in programs designed to improve the quality of life for persons with disabilities and to promote public awareness about disabilities in the public schools. [Identical to H 1051]
- S 336 SCHOOL EMERGENCY DRILL STANDARDS, *Sharer* — amends the Public School Code relating to emergency drills in schools to require that half of the drills during the year be shelter-in-place and the other half be evacuation drills for fire or other emergencies; to require observation of the drills by one of several authorities; and to specify that the school principal is responsible for implementing the law.
- S 337 MENTORING SERVICES IN UNDERSERVED AREAS, *Altamirano* — appropriates \$2.0 million from the General Fund to DFA for FY 08 to improve infrastructure development to create new mentoring programs for children in unserved and underserved areas of the state.
- S 344 ELECTRONIC TAX FILING FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES, *Taylor, JG* — adds new sections of statute to require certain employers to file employee withholding information returns electronically and imposes penalties for violations. (May affect public schools and PED)
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- S 352 RIO RANCHO CYBER ACADEMY COURSES, *Ryan* — appropriates \$500,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 for expansion of synchronous course offerings at the Rio Rancho Cyber Academy. [Identical to H 435]
- S 358 SOUTHEAST NM MATH CAREER INITIATIVE, *Jennings* — appropriates \$300,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 for a mathematics career initiative in several school districts in southeastern New Mexico.
- S 361 HIGH-TECH MENTORSHIP PROGRAMS, *Ortiz y Pino* — appropriates \$230,000 from the General Fund to the Local Government Division of DFA for the Mid-region Council of Governments to establish a high-technology mentoring program at five public high schools.
- S 362 DRUG DISTRIBUTION IN SCHOOL ZONES, *Grubestic* — amends statute to exclude residential property from a drug-free school zone relating to the crime of distribution of controlled substances.
- S 371 SCHOOL SCIENCE CONTENT STANDARDS, *Komadina* — adds a new section of the Public School Code to require PED to adopt rules that give teachers the right and freedom, when teaching a theory of biological origin, to inform students of strengths and weaknesses of the theory with impunity and that encourage students to analyze scientific information critically and reach their own conclusions. [Identical to H 506]
- S 378 NMED TOOLS FOR SCHOOLS PROGRAM, *Robinson* — appropriates \$50,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Environment for FY 08 to conduct environmental assessments of public schools pursuant to the Tools for Schools program.
- S 383 UNM NATURAL HIGH PROGRAM, *Robinson* — appropriates \$150,000 from the General Fund to the UNM Board of Regents to support the Natural High program. (May affect public schools)
- S 403 PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITY OPPORTUNITY FUND, *Nava* — enacts new sections and amends existing sections of law to create the Public School Facility Opportunity Fund to allow the PSCOC to make grants so that the facilities of qualifying school districts may exceed statewide adequacy standards; provides that unexpended balances of certain appropriations revert to this fund; and provides for a distribution to the fund of a portion of gross receipts tax revenue derived from public school construction projects. [Identical to H 322]
- S 406 UNM COLLEGE PREP MENTORING PROGRAMS, *Robinson* — appropriates \$150,000 from the General Fund to the UNM Board of Regents for FY 08 to support the university's special programs office implementation of college preparatory mentoring programs for 8th graders in APS.
- S 412 HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL PROGRAM, *Rodriguez* — appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to the UNM Board of Regents for the School of Law to conduct the High School Mock Trial Program.
- *S 415a SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK CONTRACTS, *Leavell* — amends the
*CS/S 415 Procurement Code to provide for construction manager at risk contracts in the construction of educational facilities; enacts the Educational Facility Construction Manager at Risk Act to govern contracts for the construction of educational facilities if the governing body – PSFA,

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a local school board, the governing body of a charter school, or state educational institution – chooses to use a construction manager at risk; and provides procedures for selecting a construction manager at risk. [Similar to *H 303a, which passed]

- S 420 ATHLETE & COACH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM, *Rodriguez* — appropriates \$50,000 from the General Fund to the Local Government Division of DFA for FY 08 for an athlete and coach leadership training program for junior wrestling at Santa Fe High School.
- S 424 MATH, ENGINEERING & SCIENCE PROGRAM, *Nava* — makes several separate appropriations from the General Fund to the New Mexico Tech Board of Regents for math, engineering, and science achievement programs in public schools.
- S 426 RESIDENT STUDENTS & FINANCIAL AID ELIGIBILITY, *Adair* — amends statute to prescribe that a student who is not a United States citizen or legal immigrant is considered a nonresident for the purpose of tuition charges.
- *S 457 STATEWIDE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE EDUCATION, *Garcia, MJ* — appropriates \$500,000 from the General Fund to CYFD for FY 07 and FY 08 for a New Mexico coalition against domestic violence to include training and education to member programs, communities, public schools, and other agencies that identify or provide services to families dealing with the effects of domestic violence.
- S 464a SEX OFFENDERS NEAR SCHOOL BOUNDARIES, *Kernan* — adds a new section of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act and amends several other sections to prohibit registered sex offenders from residing within 1,000 feet of an exterior boundary of a school.
- S 474 STATE USE ACT FUNDING, *Papen* — appropriates \$50,000 from the General Fund to the Vocational Rehabilitation Division of PED for FY 08 and subsequent fiscal years to enhance employment opportunities for persons with disabilities through implementation of the State Use Act. [Similar to H 334a]
- S 476 FILM INDUSTRY CHILD LABOR PROVISIONS, *McSorley* — enacts a new section of employment law called the Child Labor Act; revises child labor provisions to include the film industry, to modify age requirements, and to modify working hours. (May affect public schools) [Similar to CS/S 225]
- S 481 NINETY PERCENT ATTENDANCE FOR GRADUATION, *Papen* — amends the Compulsory School Attendance Law to require that a student cannot advance to the next grade or graduate unless he or she has attended classes at least 90 percent of the school year.
- S 487 TANF FUNDS FOR FAMILY FORMATION GOALS, *Boitano* — adds a new section of the New Mexico Works Act to require HSD to devote a portion of TANF funding to meet the goals of the Family Formation program, which is provided through pre-kindergarten programs to parents and, where appropriate, to children and which includes instruction in certain designated areas.
- S 499 OFFICE OF PEACE ACT, *Ortiz y Pino* — enacts the Office of Peace Act, provides for a director of the Office of Peace, and, among other duties, requires the director to develop a peace education curriculum, to cooperate with the Secretary of Public Education and school district superintendents regarding peace instruction in the public schools, and to help integrate peace education into teacher preparation programs; creates the Citizens Peace

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Advisory Council, one of whose members is a public school educator appointed by the Secretary, and prescribes duties of the council; and appropriates \$493,600 from the General Fund to the Office of Peace for FY 08 and FY 09.

- S 500 ENLACE PROGRAM AT CERTAIN SCHOOLS, *Sanchez,B* — appropriates \$2.0 million from the General Fund to HED for FY 08 for the ENLACE program, with funds to be distributed equally among five named postsecondary institutions.
- S 504 YOUTH DIGITAL MEDIA ARTS & EDUCATION, *Grubestic* — appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to the Cultural Affairs Department for FY 08 for a youth after-school digital media arts and education program in Santa Fe.
- S 509 SUMMER LITERACY CAMP PILOT PROJECT, *Beffort* — appropriates \$181,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 for a summer literacy camp pilot program.
- S 548 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER READING PROGRAMS, *Komadina* — appropriates \$250,000 from the General Fund to the UNM Board of Regents for FY 08 for the College of Education to develop a course on how to teach reading at the elementary school level that meets certain criteria; and appropriates \$150,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 for professional development for elementary school teachers on how to teach reading at the elementary school level that meets certain criteria.
- S 551a HISPANIC AFFAIRS DEPT. ACT, *Sanchez,M* — enacts the Hispanic Affairs Department Act to create a single, unified cabinet department to administer laws and exercise functions that will enable the executive branch to achieve a coordinated and effective system dedicated to improving educational achievement gaps and health care access and reducing poverty rates among Hispanics in New Mexico; prescribes duties of the secretary and the department, particularly as they relate to education; and creates the Hispanic Affairs Commission and prescribes its duties.
- S 556 LEA COUNTY DISTANCE EDUCATION CONSORTIUM, *Leavell* — appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to HED for FY 08 for New Mexico Junior College to fund operation and expansion of the Lea County distance education consortium.
- S 558 SCHOOL CLASS SIZE WAIVERS, *Boitano* — amends the Public School Code to prescribe criteria that must be met before a public school in a school district with more than 35,000 students may waive class size requirements.
- S 560a TEACHER LOAN REPAYMENT ACT, *Garcia,MJ* — enacts the Teacher Loan Repayment Act to increase the number of public school elementary and secondary teaching professionals in designated teacher shortage areas of the state by providing for repayment of the principal and reasonable interest accrued on loans from the federal government or a commercial lender; prescribes duties of PED and criteria for the award; creates the Teacher Loan Repayment Fund; and appropriates \$400,000 from the General Fund to the Teacher Loan Repayment Fund for FY 08 and subsequent fiscal years. [Similar to H 531a]
- S 562 SCHOOL DISTRICT REVITALIZATION PROJECTS, *Nava* — appropriates \$120,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 for rural revitalization projects in Tatum, Maxwell, and Cimarron school districts.

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- S 564 NUTRITIONAL COUNCIL ACT, *Cisneros* — enacts the Nutrition Council Act and creates the Nutrition Council, one of whose members is the Secretary of Public Education; prescribes duties of the council, among them: to recommend nutrition programs, public education programs, and campaigns on health, nutrition, and ideal weight maintenance for all state institutions, public schools, and colleges and universities; to advise school districts on the development of grade-specific nutrition courses; and to review the quality of public school lunch programs and make recommendations to the Secretary of Public Education; and appropriates \$250,000 from the General Fund to the Nutrition Council for FY 08 to implement the act. [Identical to H 392]
- S 570 PROMISE FOR SUCCESS PROGRAM, *Nava* — appropriates \$600,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 for Gadsden Independent Schools to implement a Promise for Success program. [Identical to H 829]
- S 577 AT-RISK HISPANIC YOUTH EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, *Campos,P* — appropriates \$350,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 to support statewide dissemination of a culturally based language arts and social science curriculum targeting at-risk Hispanic youth and their families, as well as training for teachers and community members in dropout prevention. [Identical to S 875]
- S 579 PROMOTE THE VALUE OF COLLEGE, *Nava* — appropriates \$3.0 million from the General Fund to HED for FY 08 to launch a public awareness campaign on the value of college.
- S 580 UNM CIVIC ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVE, *Nava* — appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to the UNM Board of Regents for FY 08 for the community learning and public service program to enhance civic education.
- S 587 OTERO COUNTY SCHOOL BAND UNIFORMS, *Duran* — appropriates \$95,290 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 for band uniforms for Alamogordo Public Schools.
- S 589 FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE EMPLOYER TAX CREDIT, *McSorley* — adds a new section of the Income Tax Act to provide an income tax credit for employers for a portion of the cost of providing their employees with paid family medical leave. (May affect public schools)
- S 593 UNM COLLEGE PREP MENTORING PROGRAM, *McSorley* — appropriates \$300,000 from the General Fund to the UNM Board of Regents for FY 08 to fund college preparatory mentoring programs at the UNM School of Law for students in grades 8 through 12 in APS.
- S 597a FAMILY LEAVE ACT, *McSorley* — enacts the Family Leave Act to provide for family leave for employees under certain circumstances. (May affect public schools)
- S 598 ALBUQUERQUE YOUTH DIGITAL MEDIA TRAINING, *Sanchez,B* — appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to the UNM Board of Regents for FY 08 for the Department of Media Arts to provide digital media training and outreach for youth in Albuquerque. (May affect public schools)

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- S 601 MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH INTERVENTION PROGRAMS, *Carraro* — appropriates \$3.0 million from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 to provide intensive math intervention programs for low-performing middle schools, including training for teachers, among other features. [Identical to H 670]
- *S 602 EMERGENCY PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITY FUND, *Carraro* — enacts new sections of the Public School Capital Outlay Act to create the Public School Maintenance Fund for the PSCOC to make grant allocations for public school maintenance projects that meet certain criteria: to create the Emergency Public School Facility Fund for the PSCOC to make grants for new or expanded schools in high-growth areas of the state; and appropriates \$200.0 million from the General Fund to the Public School Maintenance Fund for FY 07 and subsequent fiscal years and \$400.0 million to the Emergency Public School Facility Fund for FY 07 and subsequent fiscal years.
- S 613 CHILDREN’S ART & EDUCATION PROGRAMS, *Grubestic* — appropriates \$200,000 from the General Fund to the Cultural Affairs Department for FY 08 to contract with a children’s museum in Santa Fe for children’s art and education programs.
- S 631 AFTER-SCHOOL & DRUG PREVENTION PROGRAMS, *Cisneros* — appropriates \$250,000 from the General Fund to the Local Government Division of DFA for FY 08 to support a boys and girls after-school and in-school drug abuse prevention program in Taos, Questa, the Pueblo of Taos, Peñasco, and the Pueblo of Picuris. [Identical to H 674]
- S 639 CAPITAL PROJECTS ACT, *Campos,P* — enacts the Capital Projects Act to create a council of experts to evaluate and prioritize proposed statewide and local capital outlay projects and to monitor projects authorized by the Legislature to ensure that appropriations are expended in the most cost-effective manner. (May affect public schools) [Identical to S 749]
- S 653a HIGHER EDUCATION CAPITAL OUTLAY ACT, *Altamirano* — enacts the Higher Education Capital Outlay Act; creates the Higher Education Capital Outlay Council, one of whose members is the Director of the LESC; creates the Higher Education Capital Outlay Fund; prescribes duties of the council; and authorizes the State Board of Finance to issue severance tax bonds not exceeding \$90.0 million when the council certifies the need.
- S 660 ENMU NETWORK FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, *Leavell* — appropriates \$185,000 from the General Fund to the ENMU Board of Regents for FY 08 for the College of Education and Technology to provide professional development for teachers through distance education.
- S 682 SCHOOL BUS RIDES FOR CERTAIN TANF FAMILIES, *Ortiz y Pino* — adds a new section of the Public School Code to allow TANF recipients, under certain conditions, to ride school buses that are transporting their children.
- S 685 MILITARY VETERAN LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIP, *Asbill* — amends statute to extend the time limit for military veterans to apply for lottery tuition scholarships from 120 days to 12 months after honorable service or medical discharge. [Identical to H 282]
- S 686 LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY TIME LIMITS, *Carraro* — amends statute to extend eligibility for the lottery scholarship to students who apply any time after graduating or earning a GED, not immediately after.

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- S 688 LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION TIMES, *Nava* — amends statute to extend eligibility for the lottery tuition scholarship to qualified students who enroll in a public postsecondary educational institution within 12 months after, rather than immediately after, graduating from high school or earning a GED certificate. [Similar to H 740a]
- S 691 NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURAL PERFORMANCES, *Pinto* — appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to the Cultural Affairs Department for FY 08 to support performances of traditional and contemporary Native American performing arts in Santa Fe for the benefit of schoolchildren and the general public. [Identical to H 975]
- S 694 21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS, *Ortiz y Pino* — appropriates \$3.0 million from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 to continue and maintain the 21st Century Community Learning Centers programs. [Identical to H 870]
- S 696 ALBUQUERQUE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS, *Ortiz y Pino* — makes several appropriations from the General Fund to PED and to the UNM Board of Regents to support community schools in Albuquerque. [Identical to H 844]
- S 697 ENMU CORE CURRICULUM FRAMEWORK, *Kernan* — amends statute to provide support for a core curriculum framework through ENMU; and appropriates \$400,000 from the General Fund to the ENMU Board of Regents for FY 08.
- *S 703 CAPITAL OUTLAY EXPENDITURES, *Sanchez,M* — provides numerous capital expenditures and appropriations from the General Fund, including several appropriations to PED for FY 07 through FY 11 for a variety of projects in public schools.
- S 704 SCHOOL PRINCIPALS CHARACTER COUNTS PROGRAM, *Sanchez,B* — appropriates \$120,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 for Character Counts leadership training for public school principals and superintendents around the state.
- S 705 BERNALILLO YOUTH DELINQUENCY PROGRAMS, *Sanchez,B* — appropriates \$50,000 from the General Fund to the Local Government Division of DFA for FY 08 to conduct before- and after-school programs in Bernalillo County to address juvenile delinquency, domestic violence, and educational inadequacies.
- S 706 SCHOOL OPERATING BUDGETS FOR ADMINISTRATION, *Ryan* — adds a new section of the Public School Finance Act to limit the percentage of the operating budget that can be used for administration in school districts with an enrollment greater than 35,000 students.
- S 708 NM HIGHLANDS BILINGUAL EDUCATION, *Taylor,JG* — appropriates \$400,000 from the General Fund to the NMHU Board of Regents for FY 08 and subsequent fiscal years to prepare, compile, and distribute bilingual education materials statewide for students in kindergarten through grade 12, among other activities.
- S 718 TOOLS FOR SCHOOLS PROGRAM, *Lopez* — appropriates \$125,000 from the General Fund to DOH for FY 08 to conduct environmental assessments of public schools pursuant to the indoor air quality Tools for Schools program.

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- S 719 UNM ESTHER MARTINEZ SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, *Martinez,R* — appropriates \$1.0 million from the General Fund to the UNM Board of Regents for FY 08 and subsequent fiscal years for a Native American language scholarship program in honor of Esther Martinez of Ohkay Owingeh. [Identical to H 830]
- S 720 HEALTH SECURITY ACT, *Cisneros* — enacts the Health Security Act to create a program that ensures health care coverage to all New Mexicans, to control escalating health care costs, and to improve the health care of all New Mexicans; creates the Health Care Commission, whose 15 members are to be appointed by the Governor from each of the 10 PEC districts, based upon nominees by the Health Care Commission Membership Nominating Committee, which the bill also creates; requires the Health Care Commission to appoint a chief executive officer; prescribes authority and duties of the commission, among them adopting a five-year health security plan; and, among other provisions, requires the LFC to determine financing options for the health security plan. [Identical to H 1222]
- S 724 SOCIAL STUDIES PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, *Snyder* — appropriates \$30,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 for statewide social studies and civics professional development.
- S 728 EXTENDING PUBLIC SCHOOL YEAR, *Nava* — amends the Public School Code to increase the minimum number of full instructional days by five from 180 or the equivalent to 185 or the equivalent, beginning in school year 2007-2008; and appropriates \$62.0 million from the General Fund to the SEG for FY 08 to fund the cost of these additional days. (For the LESC) [Similar to H 796a]
- S 729 STATEWIDE YOUTH MUSIC COMPETITION, *Komadina* — appropriates \$25,000 from the General Fund to the Cultural Affairs Department for FY 08 to contract with a nonprofit music organization that organizes a competition in which New Mexico children up to age 12 hear their musical compositions performed in concert and produced on a CD. [Identical to H 1044]
- S 746 LAS VEGAS FAMILY PARTNERSHIP SCHOOL, *Campos,P* — appropriates \$450,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 to operate the Family Partnership School in West Las Vegas Public Schools.
- S 747 LAS VEGAS YOUTH COMMISSION, *Campos,P* — appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to the Local Government Division of DFA for FY 08 to support the Las Vegas Youth Commission in efforts to implement youth commissions statewide.
- S 749 CAPITAL PROJECTS ACT, *Campos,P* — enacts the Capital Projects Act to create a council of experts to evaluate and prioritize proposed statewide and local capital outlay projects and to monitor projects authorized by the Legislature to ensure that appropriations are expended in the most cost-effective manner. [Identical to S 639]
- S 754 PUBLIC SCHOOL INSURANCE FUND INVESTMENTS, *Smith* — amends the Public School Insurance Authority Act to require the NMPSIA board to designate either a registered investment adviser or the State Investment Officer to invest long-term reserves. [Identical to H 948]

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- S 759a COMMUTER RAIL ACT, *Robinson* — enacts the Commuter Rail Act to give the Department of Transportation the functions and powers necessary to develop a coordinated program of commuter rail transportation; allows the department to enter into agreements with a variety of agencies and entities, among them school districts; and requires the New Mexico Finance Authority Act Oversight Committee to oversee the department's administration of the Commuter Rail Act.
- S 763 HEDGING OF OIL & GAS CONTRACTS, *Altamirano* — amends statute to authorize certain hedging contracts to provide a level of predictability of oil and gas revenues. (May affect public schools)
- S 772 SANTA FE SCHOOL P.E. TEACHER & NURSE, *Grubestic* — appropriates \$60,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 to partially fund the salaries and benefits of a full-time PE teacher and a full-time nurse at E. J. Martinez Elementary School in Santa Fe Public Schools.
- S 781 HOME SCHOOLING INCOME TAX DEDUCTION, *Komadina* — adds a new section of the Income Tax Act to provide an income tax deduction equal to the amount paid for taxpayers who pay for tutoring or home schooling for their children.
- S 783 REQUIRE READING PROFICIENCY BY 4TH GRADE, *Carraro* — amends the Public School Code to require a student to read proficiently by the end of grade 3 before being promoted to grade 4; and appropriates \$10.0 million from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 to fund reading enhancement, including tutoring, in grades 1 through 3 in the public schools.
- S 800a CAMPAIGN REPORTING REQUIREMENTS, *Feldman* — amends the Campaign Reporting Act to provide additional reporting requirements for public officials, candidates, campaign committees, and political committees; and to limit campaign contributions to candidates for statewide and district offices, among other provisions. (May affect the PEC) [Similar to H 821a]
- S 803 WNMU EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM, *Altamirano* — appropriates \$130,000 from the General Fund to the WNMU Board of Regents for FY 08 and FY 09 to fund early childhood program needs. [Identical to H 752]
- S 810 RESIDENTIAL HOME LOAN PROGRAMS, *Griego* — appropriates \$2.0 million from the General Fund to DFA for the New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority in FY 08 to offer home loans at below-market interest rates and down-payment assistance to teachers, public safety workers, health care workers, and active members of the military.
- S 825 VALENCIA SCHOOL SUSPENSION ALTERNATIVES, *Sanchez, M* — appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 to implement a pilot program in Valencia County that will provide an alternative to out-of-school suspensions.
- S 830a CONGRESSIONAL EMPLOYEE SERVICE CREDITS, *Taylor, JG* — amends the PERA and the ERA to allow purchase of service credit by former employees of a member of the New Mexico congressional delegation, under certain conditions.

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- S 831 EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT LICENSING FRAMEWORK, *Taylor, JG* — amends the School Personnel Act to provide a licensing framework, including minimum salaries, for educational assistants; prescribes criteria for each of four levels of licensure and specifies these minimum salaries: \$12,000, \$13,000, \$15,000, and \$17,000; requires school districts to implement a career salary framework that supports the licensure system; requires PED to promulgate rules; and appropriates \$4.0 million from the General Fund to the Public School Fund for distribution through the SEG for FY 08. [Identical to H 846]
- S 842 OBESITY & PHYSICAL FITNESS IN SCHOOLCHILDREN, *Ortiz y Pino* — appropriates \$250,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 to fund a pilot program in five public elementary schools, partnering with a nonprofit organization, directed at health education and physical fitness to fight obesity and to promote physical fitness in schoolchildren. [Identical to H 794]
- S 843 EDUCATIONAL TRAINING FOR G.E.D. CANDIDATES, *Ortiz y Pino* — appropriates \$200,000 from the General Fund to the Local Government Division of DFA for FY 08 for the city of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County to collaborate in providing educational training for persons attempting to earn a GED. [Identical to H 957]
- S 849 TAOS MIDDLE SCHOOL READING PROGRAMS, *Cisneros* — appropriates \$300,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 for middle school reading programs in Taos Municipal Schools.
- S 855 SOUTHERN NM PARENT-CHILD EDUCATION PROGRAM, *Nava* — appropriates \$500,000 from the General Fund to HSD for FY 08 for a parent-child education program for approximately 150 families in Chaparral, Anthony, Doña Ana, and Sunland Park to prepare children from birth to age three for future success in school.
- S 863 UNM DIGITAL MEDIA OUTREACH PROGRAM, *Robinson* — appropriates \$200,000 from the General Fund to the UNM Board of Regents for FY 08 to support a digital media outreach program in Bernalillo County to train youth in digital media arts. (May affect public schools)
- S 867 RIO RANCHO DELINQUENCY & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, *Ryan* — appropriates \$50,000 from the General Fund to the Local Government Division of DFA for FY 08 to conduct before- and after-school programs in Rio Rancho to address juvenile delinquency, domestic violence, and educational inadequacies.
- S 870 CHILD CARE WORKER INSURANCE PREMIUMS, *Beffort* — enacts a new section of the Public Assistance Act to provide for state payment of the employee portion of a health insurance premium for employees of child care providers pursuant to the Pre-Kindergarten Act; and appropriates \$1.0 million from the General Fund to HSD for FY 08.
- S 875 AT-RISK HISPANIC YOUTH EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, *Campos, P* — appropriates \$350,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 to support statewide dissemination of a culturally based language arts and social science curriculum targeting at-risk Hispanic youth and their families, as well as training for teachers and community members in dropout prevention. [Identical to S 577]

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- S 887 NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENT TEACHING DEGREES, *Pinto* — appropriates \$4.5 million from the General Fund to the UNM Board of Regents for FY 08 through FY 10 to continue a scholarship program for Native American students pursuing a teaching degree or administrative licensure or a graduate degree with a concentration in Indian education.
- S 890 MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS EDUCATION PROGRAM, *Kernan* — appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to the Cultural Affairs Department for FY 08 for the Museum of Fine Arts to develop and implement a web-based arts education pilot project based in Hobbs, contingent on the granting of at least \$25,000 in matching funds from other sources.
- S 891 SANTA FE YOUTH COURT FOR SCHOOL OFFENSES, *Grubestic* — appropriates \$300,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 through FY 10 for the development and implementation by Santa Fe Public Schools of a Santa Fe youth court as an alternative method of dealing with school-based offenses. [Identical to H 1163]
- S 897 TAOS MIDDLE SCHOOL READING PROGRAM, *Griego* — appropriates \$300,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 for a reading initiative program for Taos middle school children. [Identical to H 929]
- S 898 NEW TAOS HIGH SCHOOL MISSION, *Griego* — appropriates \$300,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 and FY 09 to implement the newly defined mission for Taos High School. [Similar to H 931a]
- S 902 MORA SCHOOLS AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM, *Griego* — appropriates \$86,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 for an existing after-school program at Mora Independent Schools. [Identical to H 865]
- S 911 BERNALILLO ARTS PROGRAMS & OUTREACH, *Ortiz y Pino* — appropriates \$200,000 from the General Fund to the Cultural Affairs Department for FY 08 for cultural and arts programs and educational outreach in Bernalillo County. (May affect public schools)
- S 915 NORTHERN NM PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAM, *Griego* — appropriates \$50,000 from the General Fund to the Local Government Division of DFA for FY 08 for the city of Santa Fe to support a performing arts program that serves over 5,000 northern New Mexico children each year and that meets certain other criteria.
- S 922a REVISE MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATES, *Nava* — amends the Per Diem and Mileage Act to revise mileage reimbursement rates for public officials and employees. [Similar to H 826]
- S 926 ECONOMICS & PERSONAL FINANCE EDUCATION CENTER, *Nava* — appropriates \$300,000 from the General Fund to the NMSU Board of Regents for FY 08 for the Center for Economics and Personal Finance Education to expand and strengthen its ongoing economics education program, including teacher outreach and training, curriculum development and distribution, and programs for high school students and their families.
- S 927 HIGH-NEEDS SCHOOLS TEACHER TAX CREDIT, *Nava* — enacts a new section of the Income Tax Act to provide a tax credit – up to \$1,500 for Level 2 teachers and \$2,000 for Level 3-A teachers – for teachers in a “high-needs school”; defines the term “high-needs school” and requires PED to determine criteria for classifying a school as high-needs and to

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provide a list of Level 2 and Level 3-A teachers to the TRD each year; and appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 to implement the PED functions associated with implementation of the tax credit. [Identical to H 1138]

- S 928 ELECTION OF CERTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARDS, *Ortiz y Pino* — enacts a new section of the Public School Code to require that the local board of a school district with a population in excess of 200,000 hold a special election before June 30, 2008 to pose the question whether the district should have a local board consisting of four members elected from single-member districts and three members appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the city council; and prescribes subsequent actions if the voters approve the proposal.
- S 929 LEGISLATIVE LOTTERY TUITION SCHOLARSHIP ACT, *Jennings* — enacts the Legislative Lottery Tuition Scholarship Act, with provisions similar to those of the present lottery scholarship program; creates the Lottery Tuition Trust Fund; creates the Legislative Lottery Tuition Scholarship Fund, to be administered by HED; repeals certain sections of law; and requires that \$100.0 million be transferred from the General Fund to the Lottery Tuition Trust Fund before the end of FY 07.
- S 935 ELIMINATION OF SCHOOL PORTABLE BUILDINGS, *Carraro* — enacts a new section of the Public School Code to phase out according to grade level, with certain exceptions, the use of portable buildings on public school campuses, beginning with kindergarten through grade 3 by August 8, 2009; and appropriates \$160.0 million from the General Fund to the Public School Capital Outlay Fund for FY 08 and subsequent fiscal years for the first year of the phased elimination of portables.
- S 936 YOUTH METHAMPHETAMINE PREVENTION PROGRAM, *Taylor, JG* — appropriates \$2.2 million from the General Fund to the Department of Health for FY 08 to contract for programming to reduce risky behaviors of youth through education about and prevention of methamphetamine use or abuse in each of four quadrants of the state in at least 25 locations. (May affect public schools)
- S 937 STAY-IN-SCHOOL PROGRAM, *Taylor, JG* — appropriates \$200,000 from the General Fund to the Local Government Division of DFA for FY 08 to work with six accredited high schools in Albuquerque for a stay-in-school program.
- S 955 ALBUQUERQUE SCHOOL MATH & SCIENCE PROGRAM, *Lopez* — appropriates \$175,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 and FY 09 for after-school math and science programs in APS using educators, engineers, and those in related fields trained in NASA technology and curriculum. [Identical to H 954]
- S 958 PREVAILING WAGE & FRINGE BENEFIT RATES, *Taylor, JG* — amends statute to require payment of the prevailing rates on public works projects. (May affect public schools)
- S 959 ALBUQUERQUE SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS, *Ortiz y Pino* — enacts several new sections of the Public School Code to require the APS board to divide the district into four single-member districts no later than July 1, 2011; to require the APS board, no later than March 1, 2013, to consist of four members elected from single-member districts and three members appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the city council; requires the Secretary of Public Education to appoint an advisory selection committee that recommends board appointees to the mayor; and identifies several contingencies, including voter approval of an amendment to the state constitution. (See SJR 18)

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- S 963 UNM TAOS COMMUNITY COLLEGE, *Cisneros* — appropriates \$400,000 from the General Fund to the UNM Board of Regents for the Taos Branch Community College for FY 08 to develop and implement a partnership with local schools and community groups for manpower development.
- S 964 SANTA FE SCHOOLS SPECIAL PROGRAMS, *Campos,P* — appropriates \$330,000 from the General Fund to PED for expenditure by Santa Fe Public Schools in FY 08 for two special programs, one for professional development for middle and high school teachers and the other to close the achievement gap through after-school programs.
- S 965 IMPROVE NORTHEASTERN NM SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP, *Campos,P* — appropriates \$200,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 to improve science scholarship in northeastern New Mexico middle and high schools through a nonprofit program.
- S 970 READING & LANGUAGE INTERVENTION PILOT PROGRAM, *Campos,P* — requires PED to establish a pilot program in which a contractor provides a participating school with intensive reading and language intervention for participating students according to certain criteria; requires PED to report to the LESC by October 1, 2009; and appropriates \$1.0 million from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 and FY 09.
- S 971 VIRTUAL HIGH SCHOOL DESIGN & CURRICULA, *Campos,P* — appropriates \$6.0 million from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 to contract with a nonprofit organization for the design, development, and implementation of a project-based, story-centered, and learn-by-doing curricula to be supported by real-time mentoring from career-field experts for delivery through a virtual high school for New Mexico students; prescribes criteria for the RFP; and requires respondents to assist the LESC in developing a virtual high school to deliver the curricula.
- S 972 21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS, *Campos,P* — appropriates \$3.0 million from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 to continue and maintain the after-school programs of the 21st Century Community Learning Centers.
- S 973 NMSU & LAS VEGAS SCHOOLS 4-H PROGRAMS, *Campos,P* — appropriates \$75,000 from the General Fund to the NMSU Board of Regents for FY 08 to support a joint 4-H program between NMSU and Las Vegas City Public Schools involving science, technology, engineering, and math.
- S 974 SOUTH VALLEY 21ST CENTURY LEARNING CENTER, *Lopez* — appropriates \$125,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 for after-school enrichment programs at 21st Century Community Learning Centers in Albuquerque's South Valley.
- S 988 SCHOOL PRINCIPAL & STAFF SALARIES & LICENSURE, *Campos,P* — enacts new sections of the School Personnel Act and amends others: to change the calculation of minimum salaries for school principals and assistant principals, including a responsibility factor; to provide a licensure and compensation framework for instructional support providers and for educational assistants; and to provide minimum salaries for school clerks, secretaries, and bookkeepers; and makes several appropriations from the General Fund to support these salary provisions: \$4.2 million for the principals' and assistant principals' salaries; \$250,000 to PED to establish a progressive licensure and compensation framework for instructional support providers, including an objective performance evaluation; \$4.0 million for the educational assistants' salaries; and \$4.0 million to raise clerks, secretaries, and bookkeepers to minimum salary levels prescribed in the bill.

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- S 995 BUILDING TRADE PROGRAM INTERN STIPEND, *Lopez* — appropriates \$230,000 from the General Fund to the Local Government Division of DFA for FY 08 and subsequent fiscal years for the Mid-region Council of Governments to provide stipends to qualified student interns participating in a charter school building trades and technology program in Bernalillo County. [Identical to H 1146]
- S 1006 EDUCATION RESEARCH PROGRAM, *Altamirano* — appropriates \$1.0 million from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 to establish a research program called “The Educated Brain, an Opportunity for National Impact.”
- S 1009 NORTHERN NM PERFORMING ARTS EDUCATION, *Cisneros* — appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to the Local Government Division of DFA for FY 08 to contract with a nonprofit organization to provide after-school and summer-session music and visual and performing arts education programs in Truchas, Cordova, and Ojo Sarco. [Identical to H 1223]
- S 1010 GENDER-SPECIFIC EDUCATION PROGRAMS, *Cisneros* — requires PED to issue RFPs to all school districts to establish gender-specific education programs; allows per-proposal funding up to \$50,000; prescribes priority criteria for the proposals; and appropriates \$1.0 million from the General Fund to PED for FY 08. [Identical to H 596]
- S 1011a STATEWIDE INDIAN EDUCATION ASSESSMENT, *Cisneros* — appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 to conduct an assessment of Indian education statewide, including all New Mexico tribes, nations, and pueblos.
- S 1014 AUTISM DISORDER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, *Nava* — appropriates \$410,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 for professional development for educators in autism spectrum disorder and for outreach to students and their families.
- S 1025 ENMU K-12 TEACHER SCIENCE & MATH DEVELOPMENT, *Ingle* — appropriates \$200,000 from the General Fund to the ENMU Board of Regents for FY 08 to pay for a kindergarten through grade 12 science and math teacher development program. [Identical to H 1098 & H 1131]
- S 1041 NAVAJO HISTORY & CULTURE TEACHING GUIDE, *Ryan* — appropriates \$150,000 from the General Fund to the Indian Affairs Department for FY 08 to contract for the research, development, and dissemination of a cross-curricular teaching guide on Navajo history and culture for secondary school students.
- S 1049 AMERICAN INDIAN POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT, *Lovejoy* — enacts the American Indian Post-secondary Education Act to assist in the development of culturally relevant learning environments and postsecondary educational opportunities for Native American students, among other purposes; creates the American Indian Post-secondary Education Division in HED and assigns duties, one of which is to collaborate with PED on the P-20 Initiative; creates the American Indian Post-secondary Education Fund; appropriates \$900,000 from the General Fund to this fund for FY 08 and subsequent fiscal years to make grants for projects funded in accordance with the act; and appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to HED for operational and other expenses.

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- *S 1080 SCHOOL TUITION DONATION TAX CREDIT, *Taylor, JG* — enacts a new section of the Income Tax Act to provide a tax credit of up to 75 percent of a donation to a school tuition organization for a nonpublic elementary or secondary school.

- S 1112 MARKET NM MATH & SCIENCE DISTANCE LEARNING, *Sharer* — requires PED, in partnership with one or both of the national laboratories in New Mexico, to establish a three-year mathematics and science distance learning pilot project that meets certain criteria, with the goal of developing and marketing mathematics and science courses to at least 10 schools around the country; prescribes conditions and responsibilities for the participants in the pilot project; and appropriates \$200,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 07 through FY 10.

- S 1118a WATER PLANS FOR CERTAIN ENTITIES, *Cisneros* — amends statute to require entities, including school districts, that are allowed to acquire and hold unused water rights for up to 40 years to submit water development plans to the State Engineer; and prescribes the components that the plan must include. [Similar to H 1234]

- S 1119a ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOAN GUARANTEES, *Sanchez, M* — amends the Statewide Economic Development Finance Act to provide that, under certain circumstances, a gross receipts tax distribution may be pledged for economic development revolving fund bonds or other financing agreements issued for loan guarantees; and to provide that the Severance Tax Permanent Fund may be invested in the bonds, so long as the amount invested does not exceed \$100.0 million. (May affect public schools)

- S 1123 LUNA COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL READING PROGRAM, *Griego* — appropriates \$750,000 from the General Fund to HED for FY 08 for Luna Community College to develop and implement a Cross Roads Academy program that offers developmental reading to high school sophomores at Mora High School, Springer High School, and Santa Rosa High School.

- S 1126a PUBLIC SCHOOL CLOSURE CONDITIONS, *Griego* — adds a new section of the Public School Code to allow a local school board to close a school by a majority vote plus one if all members are present and voting or by simple majority if the school meets five of eight prescribed criteria and fails to improve its standing in any of the criteria within two years of notice.

- S 1132a SCHOOL STUDENTS AT SEMI PRO BASKETBALL GAMES, *Taylor, JG* — appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to the New Mexico Sports Authority for FY 08 to purchase and distribute tickets to school students for professional basketball games. [Similar to H 1159]

- S 1135a NEW MEXICO STORY PROJECT PROGRAM, *Altamirano* — appropriates \$350,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 to implement the New Mexico Story Project to introduce school children to authentic oral histories and traditions of the state and preserve those histories and traditions. [Similar to H 1231]

- S 1139 INTERNET TO THE HOGAN INITIATIVE, *Lovejoy* — appropriates \$3.0 million from the General Fund to the Indian Affairs Department for FY 08 and subsequent fiscal years for New Mexico's portion of the Internet to the Hogans initiative.

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- S 1143 UNM STATEWIDE LANGUAGE TEACHER DEVELOPMENT, *Robinson* — appropriates \$1.5 million from the General Fund to the UNM Board of Regents for FY 08 to support statewide language teacher professional development in the use of educational content for Hispanic or Native American English language learners.
- S 1150 TEACHER & EDUCATION STAFF SALARY INCREASES, *Campos,P* — makes several appropriations from the General Fund to provide an average salary increase of 7.0 percent for school year 2007-2008 for teachers and education-related staff, including teachers in state agencies and faculty and staff in postsecondary educational institutions and other state institutions.
- S 1151 SCHOOLCHILDREN UNATTENDED AT BUS STOPS, *Sanchez,M* — amends the Public School Code regarding transportation to require PED to promulgate a rule requiring school districts to adopt a policy that prohibits a bus driver from leaving a student eight years old or younger unattended at a school bus stop, unless the student's parent or guardian has given written permission that the student may be left unattended.
- S 1155 SCHOOL PERSONNEL HIRING CONSIDERATIONS, *Sanchez,M* — enacts a new section of the School Personnel Act to prohibit a local school board from considering a preexisting physical impairment or a previous worker's compensation claim or payment when making a decision to hire, terminate, or reemploy personnel.
- S 1162a EDUCATIONAL RETIREMENT BOARD APPOINTMENTS, *Ingle* — amends the Educational Retirement Act to replace the board member elected by the New Mexico members of the American Association of University Professors with the chief financial officer of a four-year postsecondary educational institution appointed by the Governor.
- S 1163 PERMISSION FOR STUDENT INFO TO RECRUITERS, *Ortiz y Pino* — enacts new sections of the Public School Code to require parental notice and permission before public schools release personal information about students to recruiters from postsecondary institutions, businesses, or the military; and to require that students and parents be informed that taking the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test is not mandatory.
- S 1173 HEALTH CARE REFORM INITIATIVES, *Komadina* — amends statute to require that proceeds from the tobacco settlement program be used solely for tobacco research and cessation programs; and, among other provisions, to require that the unit in physical education required for graduation emphasize the long-range benefits of proper nutrition and exercise. [Identical to H 1267]
- S 1183a SCHOOL COLLABORATIVE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, *Boitano* — enacts new sections of the Assessment and Accountability Act to create the School Collaborative School Improvement Program, in which a cluster leader in a district with more than 35,000 students may approve such a plan for an individual school; allows the cluster leader to apply for and PED to approve certain waivers; creates the School Collaborative School Improvement Fund; and provides that 10 percent of unspent and unencumbered balances in reverting funds be transferred to the School Collaborative School Improvement Fund.

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- *S 1185 INCOME TAX RATE REDUCTIONS & REBATES, *Jennings* — amends statute to provide a tax rebate for 2007, to create the Working Families Tax Credit, to accelerate the implementation of income tax rate reductions, and to provide funding for critical capital outlay projects, including several appropriations to PED for PreK classrooms, laptop computers, library books, and educational infrastructure in public schools statewide.
- S 1217 SCHOOL DISTRICT REDISTRICTING, *Griego (JG Taylor)* — enacts a new section of the
CS/S 1217 Public School Code to require a school district with more than 35,000 students to prepare a redistricting plan that divides the school district into smaller districts and to submit the plan to the voters in the district; requires PED to promulgate rules and to appoint a task force to assist the school district with its redistricting plan; requires the school district and the task force to make periodic progress reports and a final report to PED; requires the school district to hold a special school district election on the first Tuesday in February 2009; and appropriates \$80,000 from the General Fund to PED for FY 08 through FY 10.
- S 1224 MESQUITE HAZARDOUS MATERIAL TRAINING, *Nava* — appropriates \$70,000 from
*CS/S 1224 the General Fund to the Department of Public Safety for FY 07 and FY 08 to provide hazardous materials awareness and hazardous materials operation training to first responders in the community of Mesquite; requires the first responders to provide training at the Mesquite Elementary School to faculty, staff, and students; and requires the first responders to report annually to the state Emergency Response Commission on the adequacy of the funding and training.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS

- SJR 18 ALBUQUERQUE SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION, CA, *Ortiz y Pino* — proposes to amend Article 12 of the state constitution to allow voters in APS to choose to have a local school board composed of four elected members from single-member districts and three members appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the city council. (enabling legislation in S 959)
- SJR 19 SCHOOL ELECTIONS WITH GENERAL ELECTION, CA, *Boitano* — proposes to amend Article 7, Section 1 of the state constitution to provide that a regular election of a school district with a population greater than 300,000 must be held in conjunction with a general election. [Identical to HJR 3]

SENATE JOINT MEMORIALS

- SJM 6 BENEFIT-ENHANCEMENT BILL MORATORIUM, *Smith* — requests a two-year moratorium on benefit-enhancement proposals affecting the PERA and the ERA.
- SJM 9 OBJECTIVE TEACHING OF BIOLOGICAL ORIGINS, *Komadina* — requests that PED ensure that teachers have the right and freedom, when teaching a theory of biological origin, to inform students of strengths and weaknesses of the theory with impunity and that students are encouraged to analyze scientific information critically and reach their own conclusions. [Identical to HJM 14]

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- SJM 27 COMMUNITY SCHOOLS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, *Ortiz y Pino* — requests that PED, in conjunction with the Children’s Cabinet, study the creation and operation of community schools in public schools; and requests that PED and the Children’s Cabinet report their findings and recommendations to the Legislature by December 1, 2007. [Identical to HJM 30, which passed]
- SJM 32 SCHOOL DELINQUENCY PETITION NOTIFICATION, *Sharer* — requests that CYFD and PED, in consultation with the Attorney General and other parties, study the issues surrounding the timely notification of public and private schools when a student is the subject of a delinquency petition; and requests that CYFD and PED report findings and recommendations to the LESC no later than November 1, 2007.
- SJM 37 CHILD CARE NEEDS OF STUDENT PARENTS, *Lopez* — requests that CYFD study the met and unmet needs for child care for student parents and report findings to the Welfare Reform Oversight Committee or other appropriate interim legislative committee during the 2007 interim.
- SJM 48 STUDY CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION, *Grubestic* — requests that the Legislative Structure and Process Study Task Force study the feasibility of creating an independent, bipartisan citizens redistricting commission to compose district plans that are representative of New Mexico’s population and that result in more competitive districts for the PEC, the PRC, and legislative and congressional races; and that the task force report findings and recommendations to the Legislature by December 1, 2007.
- SJM 58 ALCOHOL ADVERTISEMENT TO YOUTH TASK FORCE, *Cravens* — requests that the Director of the Alcohol and Gaming Division of RLD assemble and chair a task force, including representatives from PED, to study the relationship between youth exposure to alcohol advertising and youth access to and consumption of alcohol and to recommend methods of restricting youth exposure to alcohol advertising; and that the director report and make recommendations to the interim Legislative Health and Human Services Committee no later than November 2007. [Identical to HJM 64, which passed]
- SJM 61 MILITARY RECRUITER MESSAGES TO SCHOOLS, *Ortiz y Pino* — resolves that PED encourage all New Mexico secondary schools to provide balanced information about critical life choices involving the military and that PED conduct a study to determine to what extent balance to military recruiters’ messages is provided in all secondary schools.
- SJM 66 INCREASE SCHOOL STUDENT OUTDOOR PARTICIPATION, *Nava* — requests that the State Parks Division of the Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department convene a task force, including PED, to plan ways to maximize student use of the state’s public lands; and that the task force report its conclusions to the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee by November 2007.
- SJM 70 STUDY SCHOOL CLOSURES & BOARD POLICIES, *Griego* — requests that PED study the process and practices of local school boards to determine what works and what does not work with regard to local school closures, develop a proposal to address whether facilities of closed schools should be offered to charter schools, and report its findings and recommendations to the LESC by November 1, 2007.

SENATE MEMORIALS

- SM 26a PROMOTION OF ANIMAL RIGHTS, *Komadina* — resolves that the Senate support properly researched and industry-tested livestock practices and accepted animal husbandry practices, among other issues, and that the Senate oppose, among other activities, the expenditure of public funds to promote animal welfare and the use of educational materials in public schools that discourage the use and enjoyment of animals and animal products.
- SM 27 YOUNG CHILDREN & FAMILY CONTINUUM WORK GROUP, *Feldman* — resolves that a young children and families continuum work group be appointed to develop recommendations to improve access to services for families, improve the lives of their children, and set a foundation for school and personal success; and that the group report its recommendations to the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee by November 2007.
- SM 33 NANCY HAVINK, CONGRATS, *Kernan* — commends Nancy Havink, Principal, Sanger Elementary School, in Hobbs Municipal Schools, for being named New Mexico’s Principal of the Year.
- SM 39 “READ TO A CHILD DAY,” *Nava* — declares November 1, 2007 as “Read to a Child Day.”
- SM 50 LULAC 78TH ANNIVERSARY, *Altamirano* — designates the week of February 11-17, 2007 as National LULAC Week.