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SENATE BILL 214

**44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION,  
2000**

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO THE EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY FUND; PROVIDING AN  
EQUITY ADJUSTMENT TO ASSURE MINIMUM DISTRIBUTIONS TO SCHOOL  
DISTRICTS FROM THE EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY FUND.

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

Section 1. Section 22-15A-9 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1994,  
Chapter 96, Section 9) is amended to read:

"22-15A-9. EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY FUND--DISTRIBUTION.--

A. Upon annual review and approval of a school  
district's educational technology plan, the bureau shall  
determine a separate distribution from the educational  
technology fund for each school district.

B. On or before July 31 of each year, the bureau  
shall distribute money in the educational technology fund  
directly to each school district in an amount equal to ninety  
percent of the district's estimated adjusted entitlement [as

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1 ~~determined by the projected membership for the school year]~~  
2 calculated pursuant to Subsection C of this section. A  
3 school district's unadjusted entitlement is that portion of  
4 the total amount of the annual appropriation that the  
5 projected membership bears to the projected membership of the  
6 state. Kindergarten membership shall be calculated on a one-  
7 half full-time equivalent basis.

8 C. After calculation of a school district's  
9 unadjusted entitlement as provided in Subsection B of this  
10 section, the bureau shall calculate a base allocation for  
11 each school district by multiplying the total annual  
12 appropriation by a base equity factor of seventy-five  
13 hundredths of one percent. The adjusted entitlement amount  
14 for each school district whose entitlement falls at or below  
15 the base allocation amount shall be an amount equal to the  
16 base allocation. The bureau shall then subtract from the  
17 total annual appropriation amount the total of the adjusted  
18 entitlement amounts calculated for distribution to those  
19 school districts that will receive the base allocation  
20 amounts and subtract from the total projected state  
21 membership the membership of those school districts that will  
22 receive the base allocation amount. The adjusted entitlement  
23 amount for each of the remaining school districts shall be  
24 the amount of the adjusted annual appropriation that the  
25 projected membership of each remaining district bears to the  
projected membership of all remaining districts.

[E.] D. On or before January 30 of each year, the

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1 bureau shall recompute each adjusted entitlement using the  
2 final funded membership for that year and shall allocate the  
3 balance of the annual appropriation adjusting for any over-  
4 or under-projection of membership.

5 ~~[D.]~~ E. Any school district receiving funding  
6 pursuant to the Technology for Education Act is responsible  
7 for the purchase, distribution, use and maintenance of  
8 educational technology.

9 ~~[E.]~~ F. As used in this section, "membership"  
10 means the total enrollment of qualified students, as defined  
11 in the Public School Finance Act, on the current roll of  
12 class or school on a specified day. The current roll is  
13 established by the addition of original entries and re-  
14 entries minus withdrawals. Withdrawal of students, in  
15 addition to students formally withdrawn from the public  
16 school, includes students absent from the public school for  
17 as many as ten consecutive school days."