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HOUSE BILL 75

45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001

INTRODUCED BY

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FOR THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; PROVIDING FOR ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR SIZE ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM UNITS; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

Section 1. Section 22-8-23 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1975, Chapter 119, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

"22-8-23. SIZE ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM UNITS. --

A. An approved public school with a MEM of less than ~~[400]~~ four hundred, including early childhood education full-time-equivalent MEM but excluding membership in class C and class D programs and excluding full-time-equivalent membership in three- and four-year-old developmentally disabled programs, is eligible for additional program units. Separate schools established to provide special programs,

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1 including [~~but not limited to~~] vocational [~~and alternative~~]  
2 education, shall not be classified as public schools for  
3 purposes of generating size adjustment program units.

4 Alternative schools approved by the department of education  
5 shall be eligible for size adjustment program units. The  
6 number of additional program units to which a school district  
7 is entitled under this subsection is the sum of elementary-  
8 junior high units and senior high units computed in the  
9 following manner:

10 Elementary- Junior High Units

$$11 \quad \underline{200 - MEM} \times 1.0 \times MEM = \text{Units}$$

$$12 \quad 200$$

13 where MEM is equal to the membership of an approved elementary  
14 or junior high school, including early childhood education  
15 full-time-equivalent membership but excluding membership in  
16 class C and class D programs and excluding full-time-  
17 equivalent membership in three- and four-year-old  
18 developmentally disabled programs;

19 Senior High Units

$$20 \quad \underline{200 - MEM} \times 2.0 \times MEM = \text{Units}$$

$$21 \quad 200$$

22 or,

23 Senior High Units

$$24 \quad \underline{400 - MEM} \times 1.6 \times MEM = \text{Units}$$

$$25 \quad 400$$

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1 whichever calculation for senior high units is higher,  
2 where MEM is equal to the membership of an approved senior  
3 high school excluding membership in class C and class D  
4 programs.

5 B. A school district with total MEM of less than  
6 ~~[4,000]~~ four thousand, including early childhood education  
7 full-time-equivalent MEM, is eligible for additional  
8 program units. The number of additional program units to  
9 which a district is entitled under this subsection is the  
10 number of district units computed in the following manner:

11 District Units

$$12 \quad \frac{4000 - \text{MEM}}{4000} \times 0.15 \times \text{MEM} = \text{Units}$$

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14 where MEM is equal to the total district membership,  
15 including early childhood education full-time-equivalent  
16 membership.

17 C. A school district with over ~~[10,000]~~ ten  
18 thousand MEM with a ratio of MEM to senior high schools  
19 less than ~~[4,000:1]~~ four thousand to one is eligible for  
20 additional program units based on the number of approved  
21 regular senior high schools that are not eligible for  
22 senior high units under Subsection A of this section. The  
23 number of additional program units to which an eligible  
24 school district is entitled under this subsection is the  
25 number of units computed in the following manner:

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4000 - MEM x 0.50 = Units

Senior High Schools

where MEM is equal to the total district membership, including early childhood education full-time-equivalent membership, and where senior high schools are equal to the number of approved regular senior high schools in the district."

Section 2. APPROPRIATION.--Six million nine hundred thousand dollars (\$6,900,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the state department of public education for expenditure in fiscal year 2002 to fund additional program units generated by alternative schools size adjustment program units. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2002 shall revert to the general fund.