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HOUSE BILL 393

45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2002

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS; REQUIRING SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO
INFORM PARENTS AND OTHERS IF CERTAIN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS ARE
PROPOSED TO BE OFFERED IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS; MAKING PARTICIPATION
NOT MANDATORY.

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

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

"~~[NEW MATERIAL]~~ EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS OF PRIVATE
ORGANIZATIONS-- PARENTAL NOTIFICATION-- PUBLIC HEARING--
PARTICIPATION NOT MANDATORY.--

A. If a school district or a public school
proposes to offer an educational program that is conducted,
sponsored, carried on or caused to be carried on by a private
organization or agency, the local school board shall notify

underscored material = new
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1 parents, guardians and other interested persons of the
2 proposal, including the contents of the educational program.
3 Notification is not required to be by mail, but the school
4 district or public school shall provide for the widest
5 possible dissemination of the notice.

6 B. The local school board shall hold a public
7 hearing to give parents, guardians, students and other
8 interested persons an opportunity to comment on the proposed
9 educational program.

10 C. If the local school board decides that the
11 educational program should be offered, it shall submit its
12 request for approval from the state board as required by
13 Section 22-2-2 NMSA 1978. The request for approval shall
14 include an objective synopsis of the public comments and the
15 reason for the local board's decision.

16 D. Enrollment in an educational program that is
17 conducted, sponsored, carried on or caused to be carried on by
18 a private organization or agency shall require permission of
19 the student's custodial parent or guardian. "