

1 SENATE BILL 258

2 **51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2014**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS; REQUIRING SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH A
12 HIGH CONCENTRATION OF NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENTS RESIDING WITHIN
13 THEIR BOUNDARIES TO CONSULT WITH TRIBAL LEADERS REGARDING
14 CERTAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION ISSUES.

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

17 SECTION 1. Section 22-16-4 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1967,
18 Chapter 16, Section 222, as amended) is amended to read:

19 "22-16-4. SCHOOL BUS ROUTES--LIMITATIONS--EXCEPTIONS--
20 MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS.--

21 A. Bus routes shall be established by the local
22 school district.

23 B. Except as provided in Subsections C, [~~and~~] D and
24 E of this section, no school bus route shall be maintained for
25 distances less than:

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1 (1) one mile one way for students in grades
2 kindergarten through six;

3 (2) one and one-half miles one way for
4 students in grades seven through nine; and

5 (3) two miles one way for students in grades
6 ten through twelve.

7 C. In school districts having hazardous walking
8 conditions as determined by the local school board and
9 confirmed by the state transportation director, students of any
10 grade may be transported a lesser distance than that provided
11 in Subsection B of this section. General standards for
12 determining hazardous walking conditions shall be established
13 by the state transportation division of the department [~~of~~
14 ~~education~~] with the approval of the [~~state board~~] department,
15 but the standards shall be flexibly and not rigidly applied by
16 the local school board and the state transportation director to
17 prevent accidents and help ensure student safety.

18 D. Exceptional children whose handicaps require
19 transportation and three- and four-year-old children who meet
20 the [~~state board approved~~] department-approved criteria and
21 definition of developmentally disabled may be transported a
22 lesser distance than that provided in Subsection B of this
23 section.

24 E. School districts reporting a minimum of seventy-
25 five percent of the school districts' student membership as

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1 Native Americans shall consult with tribal leaders regarding
2 concerns and issues related to public school transportation
3 services, transportation boundaries and resolution of
4 transportation boundary disputes."

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