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HOUSE BILL 164

52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2016

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC EDUCATION; REQUIRING IMPLEMENTATION OF AN
INDEPENDENTLY EVALUATED, EVIDENCE-BASED OR RESULTS-BASED MODEL
OF SERVICES AND SUPPORTS TO INCREASE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT IN
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS; REQUIRING COMMUNITY SCHOOLS INITIATIVE GRANT
RECIPIENTS TO USE EVIDENCE-BASED SYSTEMS TO EVALUATE INITIATIVE
EFFECTIVENESS; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. Section 22-32-1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2013,
Chapter 16, Section 1) is amended to read:

"22-32-1. SHORT TITLE.--~~[This act]~~ Chapter 22, Article 32
NMSA 1978 may be cited as the "Community Schools Act"."

SECTION 2. Section 22-32-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2013,
Chapter 16, Section 3) is amended to read:

"22-32-3. COMMUNITY SCHOOLS INITIATIVES--SCHOOL

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1 IMPROVEMENT FUNCTIONS--REQUIREMENTS.--

2 A. A community schools initiative may be created in
3 any public school in the state.

4 B. A community schools initiative shall include
5 ~~[but not be limited to]~~ the following core set of strategies:

6 (1) extended learning programs, including
7 before- and after-school programs as well as summer programs;

8 (2) school-based or school-linked health care;
9 and

10 (3) family engagement and support services.

11 C. A community schools initiative shall include the
12 following:

13 (1) a lead partner agency, including ~~[but not~~
14 ~~limited to]~~ a public or private agency or community-based
15 organization, to help coordinate programs and services;

16 (2) an assessment of community resources
17 informed by students, families and community and school leaders
18 that relates to the effective delivery of core services on
19 site; and

20 (3) ~~[the establishment of an evaluation~~
21 ~~process that measures both the quality and quantity of~~
22 ~~outcomes]~~ implementation of an independently evaluated,
23 evidence-based or results-based model of integrated student
24 services and comprehensive supports that is proven to increase
25 student achievement."

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1 **SECTION 3.** Section 22-32-4 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2013,
2 Chapter 16, Section 4) is amended to read:

3 "22-32-4. COMMUNITY SCHOOLS INITIATIVES--ADMINISTRATIVE
4 COSTS--GRANTS--SCHOOL DISTRICT, GROUP OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS OR
5 PUBLIC SCHOOL DUTIES--REQUIREMENTS.--

6 A. A school district shall bear any administrative
7 costs associated with the establishment and implementation of a
8 community school within the school district.

9 B. Subject to the availability of funding, grants
10 for community schools initiatives are available to a school
11 district, a group of public schools or a public school that has
12 demonstrated partnerships with any lead agency and local,
13 private and public agencies for the purpose of establishing,
14 operating and sustaining community schools and that meets
15 department eligibility requirements.

16 C. Applications for grants for community schools
17 initiatives shall be in the form prescribed by the department
18 and shall include the following information:

19 (1) a statement of need, including demographic
20 and socioeconomic information about the area to be served by
21 the community schools initiative;

22 (2) goals and expected outcomes of the
23 initiative;

24 (3) services and activities to be provided by
25 the initiative;

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1 (4) written agreements for the provision of
2 services by public and private agencies, community groups and
3 other parties;

4 (5) a work plan and budget for the initiative,
5 including staffing requirements and the expected availability
6 of staff;

7 (6) days and hours of operation;

8 (7) strategies for dissemination of
9 information about the initiative to potential users;

10 (8) training and professional development
11 plans;

12 (9) letters of endorsement and commitment from
13 community agencies and organizations and local governments; and

14 (10) any other information the department
15 requires.

16 D. A school district, a group of public schools or
17 a public school that uses funds under this section to transform
18 a school into a research- and evidence-based community schools
19 initiative shall:

20 (1) use rigorous, transparent, ~~[and]~~ equitable
21 and evidence-based evaluation systems to assess the
22 effectiveness of the implementation of the community schools
23 initiative;

24 (2) provide ongoing, high-quality professional
25 development to staff that:

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- 1 (a) aligns with the school's
- 2 instructional program;
- 3 (b) facilitates effective teaching and
- 4 learning; and
- 5 (c) supports the implementation of
- 6 school reform strategies; and
- 7 (3) give the school sufficient operational
- 8 flexibility in programming, staffing, budgeting and scheduling
- 9 so that the school can fully implement a comprehensive strategy
- 10 designed to focus on improving school climate, student
- 11 achievement and growth in reading and mathematics, attendance,
- 12 behavior, parental engagement and, for high schools, graduation
- 13 rates and readiness for college or a career."

14 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION.--Four hundred thousand dollars
15 (\$400,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the public
16 education department for expenditure in fiscal year 2017 to
17 implement the Community Schools Act. Any unexpended or
18 unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2017
19 shall revert to the general fund.