

HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL 105

53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2017

AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS; ENACTING THE INNOVATIONS IN
TEACHING ACT; CREATING THE INNOVATIONS IN TEACHING PROGRAM;
PROVIDING POWERS AND DUTIES; ENCOURAGING TEACHERS TO IMPLEMENT
INNOVATIVE PEDAGOGICAL APPROACHES AND STRATEGIES IN THEIR
CLASSROOMS; GRANTING A WAIVER TO SUCH TEACHERS AND THEIR PUBLIC
SCHOOLS FROM THE USE OF THE RESULTS OF STANDARDS-BASED
ASSESSMENTS IN THEIR TEACHER EVALUATIONS FOR TWO YEARS;
PROVIDING FOR AN APPLICATION, REPORTING AND EVALUATION PROCESS.

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] SHORT TITLE.--This act may be cited as the
"Innovations in Teaching Act"."

SECTION 2. A new section of the Public School Code is

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1 enacted to read:

2 "[NEW MATERIAL] DEFINITIONS.--As used in the Innovations
3 in Teaching Act:

4 A. "innovative teaching" means the use of cutting-
5 edge innovations in pedagogical approaches and strategies to
6 teach a subject or grade;

7 B. "program" means the innovations in teaching
8 program; and

9 C. "teacher" means a primary or secondary classroom
10 teacher who has at least three years of teaching experience and
11 who, as reported on the teacher's most recent annual
12 performance evaluation, meets or exceeds competencies before
13 participating in the program."

14 SECTION 3. A new section of the Public School Code is
15 enacted to read:

16 "[NEW MATERIAL] INNOVATIONS IN TEACHING PROGRAM CREATED--
17 DEPARTMENT DUTIES--APPLICATIONS--REQUIREMENTS.--

18 A. The "innovations in teaching program" is
19 created. The department may develop and implement the program,
20 including an application and award process and evaluation and
21 reporting requirements, for use in the 2018-2019 and succeeding
22 school years.

23 B. A teacher shall apply to the department to
24 participate in the program. Applications shall be submitted by
25 June 30 for the upcoming school year.

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1 C. The application shall include:

2 (1) the details of the proposed innovative
3 teaching project and specific goals of the project,
4 particularly as those goals relate to teaching English language
5 learners, minority students, developmentally disabled or
6 delayed students and students who have become defeated by or
7 uninterested in school;

8 (2) a description of research findings on the
9 proposed innovative teaching project or a description of its
10 successful implementation in other schools in this or other
11 countries;

12 (3) a description of how the innovative
13 teaching project will be used to teach the pertinent curriculum
14 and how it will prepare students to meet the expectations of
15 the common core state standards or other state content and
16 performance standards;

17 (4) examples of lesson plans that will be used
18 in the innovative teaching project;

19 (5) a description of means and measures to
20 determine the success or failure of the innovative teaching
21 project;

22 (6) the length of time, not to exceed three
23 school years, that the teacher proposes to use the described
24 innovative teaching project; and

25 (7) other information the applicant deems

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1 appropriate or the department requests.

2 D. The application shall be signed by the teacher
3 and the teacher's school principal.

4 E. The department shall evaluate the application
5 and may request additional information from the applicant. The
6 department shall notify the teacher and the school principal
7 prior to August 1 whether the application is approved."

8 SECTION 4. A new section of the Public School Code is
9 enacted to read:

10 "[NEW MATERIAL] WAIVER FROM STANDARDS-BASED ASSESSMENT
11 RESULTS.--

12 A. The department may waive the use of the results
13 of the participating teacher's students' standards-based
14 assessments on the teacher's teacher evaluation for up to two
15 years at the request of the teacher and school principal. The
16 department, the teacher and the school principal, working
17 together, may develop other measures of teacher competency.

18 B. The waivers provided in this section are not
19 assessment waivers. Students of a teacher participating in the
20 program are required to participate in standards-based
21 assessments as provided in the Public School Code."

22 SECTION 5. A new section of the Public School Code is
23 enacted to read:

24 "[NEW MATERIAL] EVALUATIONS AND REPORTS.--

25 A. The teacher shall keep records of each student

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1 participating in the innovative teaching project to chart
2 student progress, including short-cycle or other assessments
3 and a measurement of classroom participation and behavior.
4 When making interim and final reports on the efficacy of the
5 innovative teaching project, reporting on student records shall
6 not include student names.

7 B. The department, the teacher and the school
8 principal shall develop evaluation standards for the innovative
9 teaching project to evaluate its success or failure.

10 C. The department shall report its findings and
11 recommendations for the program and for each innovative
12 teaching project to the governor, the legislative education
13 study committee, every local superintendent and every charter
14 school head administrator.

15 D. If it becomes clear, based on standards-based
16 assessments or other data, that the innovative teaching project
17 is not succeeding, the department may rescind its approval and
18 the project may be redesigned or discontinued before the full
19 term of the project is over."

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