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HOUSE BILL 211

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

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC EDUCATION; REQUIRING THE PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT THE NEXT GENERATION SCIENCE STANDARDS; REQUIRING THE MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE ADVISORY COUNCIL TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STANDARDS; REQUIRING REPORTING.

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

SECTION 1. Section 22-2C-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2003, Chapter 153, Section 12, as amended) is amended to read:

"22-2C-3. ACADEMIC CONTENT AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS-- DEPARTMENT POWERS AND DUTIES.--

A. The department shall adopt academic content and performance standards for grades one through twelve in the following areas:

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- 1 (1) mathematics;
- 2 (2) reading and language arts;
- 3 (3) science; and
- 4 (4) social studies.

5 B. By August 31, 2017, the department shall adopt
6 the next generation science standards developed by the national
7 research council of the national academy of sciences, the
8 national science teachers association, the American association
9 for the advancement of science and achieve. By July 31, 2018,
10 the department shall begin to develop a plan, adopt and
11 promulgate rules and report on the next generation science
12 standards pursuant to this subsection and the implementation
13 plan to the legislative education study committee. Beginning
14 in the 2018-2019 school year, each school district and charter
15 school shall begin to implement the next generation science
16 standards pursuant to this section.

17 [~~B.~~] C. The department may adopt content and
18 performance standards in other subject areas.

19 [~~C.~~] D. Academic content and performance standards
20 shall be sufficiently academically challenging to meet or
21 exceed any applicable federal requirements.

22 [~~D.~~] E. The department shall measure the
23 performance of every public school in New Mexico."

24 **SECTION 2.** Section 22-15E-5 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2007,
25 Chapter 44, Section 5 and Laws 2007, Chapter 239, Section 5) is
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1 amended to read:

2 "22-15E-5. COUNCIL DUTIES.--The council shall:

3 A. advise the bureau on implementation of the
4 bureau's duties pursuant to the Mathematics and Science
5 Education Act;

6 B. make recommendations to the bureau and the
7 department regarding the statewide strategic plan for improving
8 mathematics and science education and advise on its
9 implementation and incorporation into the department's five-
10 year strategic plan for public elementary and secondary
11 education in the state;

12 C. make recommendations to and advise the bureau,
13 the department and the legislature on the best practices for
14 the department's implementation of the next generation science
15 standards pursuant to Section 22-2C-3 NMSA 1978 and to advise
16 the department during the implementation;

17 [~~G-~~] D. advise the bureau, the department and the
18 legislature regarding appropriations for mathematics and
19 science education, administration, resources and services,
20 including programs for public school students and staff;

21 [~~D-~~] E. work with the bureau to determine the need
22 for improvement in mathematics and science achievement of
23 public school students and make recommendations to the
24 department on how to meet these needs; and

25 [~~E-~~] F. produce an annual report on public

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1 elementary and secondary mathematics and science student
2 achievement to be submitted to the department, the governor and
3 the legislature no later than November 30 of each year."

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