

1 SENATE BILL 576

2 **54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS; BROADENING THE LOCATION OF AREA
12 VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOLS.

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

15 SECTION 1. Section 22-5-4.8 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1999,
16 Chapter 219, Section 19) is amended to read:

17 "22-5-4.8. AREA VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOLS.--

18 A. A local school board, alone or in cooperation
19 with other local school boards, may develop a plan for the
20 establishment of an area vocational high school [~~on the campus~~
21 ~~of a post-secondary educational institution to facilitate~~
22 ~~sharing of facilities~~]. The plan shall be submitted to the
23 [~~state board of education and the commission on higher~~
24 ~~education for their~~] department for its approval.

25 B. The [~~state board of education and the commission~~

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1 ~~on higher education]~~ department may approve a plan for an area
2 vocational high school if the plan adequately provides for:

3 (1) sufficient financing for the operation of
4 the school, which may include an election for a special levy
5 not to exceed one dollar (\$1.00) for each one thousand dollars
6 (\$1,000) of net taxable value, and that may be in addition to
7 levies authorized by the College District Tax Act;

8 (2) a broad vocational and technical education
9 program serving a sufficient number of students to achieve
10 economic viability; and

11 (3) compliance with the state plan for
12 vocational education."