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AN ACT
RELATING TO EDUCATION; REQUIRING THE PUBLIC EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT TO AUTHORIZE A DIPLOMA PROGRAM FOR ADULTS WHO HAVE
NOT GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL.

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:

"DEPARTMENT-ISSUED DIPLOMAS.--The department shall
authorize a diploma program that results in a diploma award
by the department for adults who have not graduated from high
school but who want a program that:

A. documents their educational attainment through
college and career readiness standards;

B. assesses high school-level skills in applied
life and work contexts; and

C. prepares them to enter college or the
workforce, upgrade their skills, advance to a better job or
move from one field of work to another."