SENATE BILL 130

57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE; CREATING CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM UNITS; ADDING CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM UNITS TO THE PROGRAM COST CALCULATION.

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

SECTION 1. A new section of the Public School Finance Act is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM
UNITS.--The number of career technical education program units
is determined by multiplying the MEM in department-approved
career technical education programs by the cost differential
factor of 0.25."

SECTION 2. Section 22-8-18 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1974, Chapter 8, Section 8, as amended) is amended to read:

"22-8-18. PROGRAM COST CALCULATION--LOCAL

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RESPONSIBILITY. --

A. The total program units for the purpose of computing the program cost shall be calculated by multiplying the sum of the program units itemized as Paragraphs (1) and (2) in this subsection by the staffing cost multiplier and adding the program units itemized as Paragraphs (3) through [\(\frac{(15)}{15}\)] (16) in this subsection. The itemized program units are as follows:

- (1) early childhood education;
- (2) basic education;
- (3) special education, adjusted by subtracting the units derived from membership in class D special education programs in private, nonsectarian, nonprofit training centers;
 - (4) bilingual multicultural education;
 - (5) fine arts education;
 - (6) elementary physical education;
 - (7) size adjustment;
 - (8) at-risk;
 - (9) enrollment growth or new district

adjustment;

- (10) special education units derived from membership in class D special education programs in private, nonsectarian, nonprofit training centers;
- (11) national board for professional teaching standards certification;

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- home school student activities: (13)
- charter school student activities; [and] (14)
- (15)K-12 plus; and
- (16) career technical education.

The total program cost calculated as prescribed В. in Subsection A of this section includes the cost of early childhood, special, bilingual multicultural, fine arts and vocational education and other remedial or enrichment programs. It is the responsibility of the local school board or governing body of a charter school to determine its priorities in terms of the needs of the community served by that board. Except as otherwise provided in this section, funds generated under the Public School Finance Act are discretionary to local school boards and governing bodies of charter schools; provided that the special program needs as enumerated in this section are met; and provided further that the department shall ensure that the local school board or governing body of a charter school is prioritizing resources for the public school toward proven programs and methods linked to improved student achievement."

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