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HOUSE BILL 690

42ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1996

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; CHANGING PROVISIONS OF THE TECHNOLOGY FOR  
EDUCATION ACT TO INCLUDE ACCREDITED PRIVATE SCHOOLS; AMENDING  
SECTIONS OF THE NMSA 1978.

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

Section 1. Section 22-15A-4 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1994,  
Chapter 96, Section 4) is amended to read:

"22-15A-4. BUREAU DUTIES. -- In accordance with the policies  
and regulations of the state board, the bureau shall:

A. administer the provisions of the Technology for  
Education Act;

B. develop a statewide plan for the integration of  
educational technology into the public schools and accredited  
private schools and coordinate technology-related education  
activities with other state agencies, the federal government,

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1 business consortia and public or private agencies or  
2 individuals;

3 C. assist school districts to develop and implement  
4 a strategic, long-term plan for utilizing educational technology  
5 in the local school system;

6 D. upon approval of a school district's technology  
7 plan, make distributions to school districts and accredited  
8 private schools from the educational technology fund;

9 E. recommend funding mechanisms that will support  
10 the development and maintenance of an effective educational  
11 technology infrastructure in the state;

12 F. promote collaboration among government, business,  
13 educational organizations and telecommunications entities to  
14 expand and improve the use of technology in education;

15 G. assess and determine the educational technology  
16 needs of school districts and accredited private schools within  
17 the districts; and

18 H. provide staff support for and coordinate the  
19 activities of the council. "

20 Section 2. Section 22-15A-5 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1994,  
21 Chapter 96, Section 5) is amended to read:

22 "22-15A-5. COUNCIL ON TECHNOLOGY IN EDUCATION--CREATED--  
23 PURPOSE.--The "council on technology in education" is created.  
24 The council shall advise the bureau, the state board and the  
25 legislature regarding the establishment of appropriate

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1 educational technology standards, technology-enhanced curricula,  
2 instruction, appropriations for educational technology and  
3 administrative resources and services for the public schools and  
4 accredited private schools. "

5 Section 3. Section 22-15A-6 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1994,  
6 Chapter 96, Section 6) is amended to read:

7 "22-15A-6. COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP. --

8 A. The council shall be composed of seventeen  
9 members. Members shall be appointed by the state board for  
10 terms of four years. As designated by the state board at the  
11 time of initial appointment, the terms of five members shall  
12 expire at the end of two years, the terms of five members shall  
13 expire at the end of three years, and the terms of seven members  
14 shall expire at the end of four years.

15 B. When appointing members, the state board shall  
16 appoint:

17 (1) one member who shall have expertise in  
18 state government;

19 (2) three members who shall have expertise in  
20 school district administration;

21 (3) two members who shall have expertise in  
22 providing instructional services in post-secondary, technical-  
23 vocational or adult education;

24 (4) three members who shall have expertise in  
25 providing instructional services in elementary or secondary

1 schools, one of whom shall have expertise in the accredited  
2 private school sector;

3 (5) two members who shall be parents of school-  
4 age children;

5 (6) one member who shall be a public school  
6 secondary student;

7 (7) three members who shall have expertise in  
8 educational technology; and

9 (8) two members at large.

10 C. In making appointments to the council, the state  
11 board shall give due consideration to gender and ethnicity to  
12 achieve a membership representative of the geographic and  
13 cultural diversity of New Mexico.

14 D. Members of the council shall elect a chairman  
15 from among the membership. The council shall meet at the call  
16 of the chairman not less than quarterly.

17 E. Members of the council shall receive per diem and  
18 mileage pursuant to the provisions of the Per Diem and Mileage  
19 Act, but shall receive no other compensation, perquisite or  
20 allowance. "

21 Section 4. Section 22-15A-7 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1994,  
22 Chapter 96, Section 7) is amended to read:

23 "22-15A-7. COUNCIL DUTIES. --The council shall:

24 A. advise the bureau on implementation of the  
25 provisions of the Technology for Education Act;

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1           B. work with the bureau to conduct periodic  
2 assessments of the need for educational technology in the public  
3 school system and in accredited private schools and make  
4 recommendations to the state board on how to meet those needs;

5           C. promote the collaborative development and  
6 implementation of educational technologies, projects and  
7 practices to enhance instruction capabilities;

8           D. develop and recommend to the state board a  
9 statewide plan to infuse educational technology into the public  
10 school system and in accredited private schools in support of  
11 state and national education goals; and

12           E. provide assistance to the bureau in review of  
13 school district technology plans. "

14           Section 5. Section 22-15A-9 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1994,  
15 Chapter 96, Section 9) is amended to read:

16           "22-15A-9. EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY FUND-- DISTRIBUTION. --

17           A. Upon annual review and approval of a school  
18 district's educational technology plan, the bureau shall  
19 determine a separate distribution from the educational  
20 technology fund for each school district and accredited private  
21 schools in the district.

22           B. On or before July 31 of each year, the bureau  
23 shall distribute money in the educational technology fund  
24 directly to each school district and accredited private school  
25 in the district in an amount equal to ninety percent of the

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1 district's estimated entitlement and each accredited private  
2 school's estimated entitlement as determined by the projected  
3 membership for the school year. A school district's entitlement  
4 and an accredited private school's entitlement is that portion  
5 of the total amount of the annual appropriation that the  
6 projected membership of the district or the accredited private  
7 school bears to the projected membership of the state.

8 Kindergarten membership shall be calculated on a one-half  
9 full-time-equivalent basis.

10 C. On or before January 30 of each year, the bureau  
11 shall recompute each entitlement using the final funded  
12 membership for school districts and forty-day membership for  
13 accredited private schools for that year and shall allocate the  
14 balance of the annual appropriation adjusting for any over- or  
15 under-projection of membership.

16 D. Any school district or accredited private school  
17 receiving funding pursuant to the Technology for Education Act  
18 is responsible for the purchase, distribution, use and  
19 maintenance of educational technology.

20 E. As used in this section, "membership" means the  
21 total school district enrollment of qualified students, as  
22 defined in the Public School Finance Act, or forty-day  
23 membership for accredited private schools on the current roll of  
24 class or school on a specified day. The current roll is  
25 established by the addition of original entries and re-entries

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1 minus withdrawals. Withdrawal of students, in addition to  
2 students formally withdrawn from the public school or accredited  
3 private school, includes students absent from the public school  
4 or accredited private school for as many as ten consecutive  
5 school days. "

6 Section 6. Section 22-15A-10 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1994,  
7 Chapter 96, Section 10) is amended to read:

8 "22-15A-10. ANNUAL REPORT. -- Annually, at a time specified  
9 by the department of education, each local school district and  
10 each accredited private school receiving distributions from the  
11 educational technology fund shall file a report with the  
12 department of education regarding distributions received,  
13 expenditures made and educational technology obtained by the  
14 district and accredited private schools and such other related  
15 information as may be required by the department of education. "

# State of New Mexico House of Representatives

FORTY- SECOND LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION, 1996

February 2, 1996

Mr. Speaker:

Your RULES AND ORDER OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE, to  
whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and finds same to be  
GERMANE in accordance with constitutional provisions.

Respectfully submitted,

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Barbara A. Perea Casey,

Chairperson



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4 The roll call vote was 8 For 0 Against

5 Yes: 8

6 Excused: Nicely, Olguin, Pederson, Picraux, Rodella,

7 J. G. Taylor, Wallach

8 Absent: None

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