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SENATE BILL 769

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

INTRODUCED BY

TIMOTHY Z. JENNINGS

AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC ASSISTANCE; ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROJECT  
REQUIRING SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FOR CERTAIN RECIPIENTS.

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

Section 1. A new Section 27-2-6.3 NMSA 1978 is enacted to  
read:

"27-2-6.3. [NEW MATERIAL] AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT  
CHILDREN- - MANDATORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE. - -

A. The secretary of human services shall adopt  
regulations governing and shall implement a pilot project  
providing for loss of public assistance benefits under AFDC  
programs by any eligible person subject to compulsory school  
attendance who is absent from school without authorized excuse  
more than ten full days or the equivalent thereof during a  
semester or five full days or the equivalent thereof during any

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1 nine-week grading period. The pilot project may apply generally  
2 or to specified age groups and specified political subdivisions.  
3 The pilot project shall provide that loss of AFDC benefits may  
4 be suspended under specified conditions based on active  
5 participation in programs under the Family in Need of Services  
6 Act.

7 B. Following adoption of pilot project regulations,  
8 but before implementation, the secretary of human services shall  
9 seek a waiver from the secretary of the United States department  
10 of health and human services pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Section 1315  
11 to the extent necessary to permit implementation of the pilot  
12 project. The pilot project regulations shall not take effect  
13 and the pilot project shall not be implemented until the wavier  
14 is granted.

15 C. As used in this section, "AFDC" means the public  
16 assistance plan authorized pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Section 601, et  
17 seq., and Section 27-2-6 NMSA 1978. "

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14 TO CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS, and thence referred to the EDUCATION  
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5 February 10, 1996  
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7 Mr. President:  
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13 has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that  
14 it DO PASS, and thence referred to the FINANCE COMMI TTEE.  
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The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against

Yes: 6

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Absent: None

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