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HOUSE BILL 19

44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SPECIAL SESSION, 1999

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; ESTABLISHING AN ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM IN SANDOVAL COUNTY; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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:

"NEW MATERIAL] ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM --

A. The department of education shall establish the "alternative education program" in Sandoval county to provide alternative education programs to students in grades eight through twelve to run from July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2003.

B. The alternative education program shall provide the following:

- (1) eighth grade transition programs that**

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1 include:

2 (a) after-school programs for eighth
3 grade students failing two or more core classes;

4 (b) eighth grade summer programs for
5 eighth grade students who failed two or more core classes; and

6 (c) transition programs for eighth
7 grade students who do not successfully complete either of the
8 programs described in Subparagraphs (a) and (b) of this
9 paragraph;

10 (2) high school alternative day programs that
11 provide:

12 (a) six to eight classrooms for high
13 school students that would not succeed on a conventional high
14 school campus;

15 (b) a variety of educational approaches
16 and strategies;

17 (c) opportunities for educational
18 technology; and

19 (d) school-to-work connections;

20 (3) high school accelerated programs for
21 school dropouts that provide:

22 (a) educational-technology-based
23 learning programs on-site or from remote locations;

24 (b) opportunities for acceleration and
25 advanced learning; and

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(c) links with community colleges and work force development programs; and

(4) evening school programs for students who have failed a day school course, seek to accelerate their high school program or choose to take a course for enrichment or for college credit that provides:

(a) conventional courses from the Rio Rancho high school program of studies;

(b) enrichment courses, including courses in the area of technology and the arts;

(c) educational-technology-based learning programs on-site or from remote locations;

(d) opportunities for acceleration and advanced learning; and

(e) links with community colleges and work force development programs.

C. The department of education shall request funding for the alternative education program in its annual agency budget request.

D. The department of education shall report to the legislative education study committee on the progress of the alternative education program by November 1, 2002. "

Section 2. APPROPRIATION. --Two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the state department of public education for expenditure in

1 fiscal years 2000 through 2003 for the purpose of funding the
2 operational costs of the alternative education program in
3 Sandoval county. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance
4 remaining at the end of fiscal year 2003 shall revert to the
5 general fund.

6 Section 3. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public
7 peace, health and safety that this act take effect
8 immediately.

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