

1 HOUSE BILL 487

2 **57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025**

3 INTRODUCED BY

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO HISPANIC EDUCATION; INCLUDING THE PROTECTION AND  
12 PRESERVATION OF NEW MEXICO'S HERITAGE SPANISH LANGUAGE AND  
13 CULTURE AND OTHER ELEMENTS IN THE PURPOSE FOR THE HISPANIC  
14 EDUCATION ACT; REQUIRING THE HISPANIC EDUCATION ADVISORY  
15 COUNCIL TO MEET AT BIENNIAL HISPANIC EDUCATION SUMMITS;  
16 ALLOWING PER DIEM AND MILEAGE FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS.

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

19 SECTION 1. Section 22-23B-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2010,  
20 Chapter 108, Section 2 and Laws 2010, Chapter 114, Section 2)  
21 is amended to read:

22 "22-23B-2. PURPOSE.--The purpose of the Hispanic  
23 Education Act is to:

24 A. provide for the study, development and  
25 implementation of educational systems that affect the

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1 [educational] academic success of Hispanic students to [~~close~~  
2 ~~the achievement gap and~~] increase graduation rates and ensure  
3 lifelong success;

4 B. protect and preserve New Mexico's heritage  
5 Spanish language and culture;

6 [~~B.~~] C. encourage and foster parental involvement  
7 in the education of their children; and

8 [~~C.~~] D. provide mechanisms for parents; community,  
9 community-based and business organizations; public schools;  
10 school districts; charter schools; public post-secondary  
11 educational institutions; the higher education department; the  
12 public education department; and state and local policymakers  
13 to work together to improve educational opportunities for  
14 Hispanic students for the purpose of [~~closing the achievement~~  
15 ~~gap~~] increasing graduation rates, [~~and~~] increasing post-  
16 secondary enrollment, retention and completion and ensuring  
17 lifelong success."

18 SECTION 2. Section 22-23B-5 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2010,  
19 Chapter 108, Section 5 and Laws 2010, Chapter 114, Section 5)  
20 is amended to read:

21 "22-23B-5. HISPANIC EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL.--

22 A. The "Hispanic education advisory council" is  
23 created as an advisory council to the secretary. The council  
24 shall advise the secretary on matters related to improving  
25 public school education for Hispanic students, increasing

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1 parent involvement and community engagement in the education of  
2 Hispanic students and increasing the number of Hispanic high  
3 school graduates who succeed in post-secondary academic,  
4 professional or vocational education.

5 B. The secretary shall appoint no more than twenty-  
6 three members to the council who are knowledgeable about and  
7 interested in the education of Hispanic students, including  
8 representatives of public schools; post-secondary education and  
9 teacher preparation programs; parents; Hispanic cultural,  
10 community and business organizations; other community and  
11 business organizations; and other interested persons. The  
12 secretary shall give due regard to geographic representation.  
13 Members shall serve at the pleasure of the secretary.

14 C. The council shall elect a chairperson and such  
15 other officers as it deems necessary.

16 D. The council shall meet as necessary, but at  
17 least twice each year at the biannual Hispanic education  
18 summit.

19 E. The council shall advise the secretary on  
20 matters related to Hispanic education in New Mexico.

21 F. Members of the council [~~shall not~~] may receive  
22 per diem and mileage [~~or other compensation for their services~~]  
23 as provided for nonsalaried public officers in the Per Diem and  
24 Mileage Act and shall receive no other compensation, perquisite  
25 or allowance."

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