

1 SENATE BILL 130

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

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10 AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

25 "22-8-18. PROGRAM COST CALCULATION--LOCAL

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1 RESPONSIBILITY.--

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

- 9 (1) early childhood education;
- 10 (2) basic education;
- 11 (3) special education, adjusted by subtracting
12 the units derived from membership in class D special education
13 programs in private, nonsectarian, nonprofit training centers;
- 14 (4) bilingual multicultural education;
- 15 (5) fine arts education;
- 16 (6) elementary physical education;
- 17 (7) size adjustment;
- 18 (8) at-risk;
- 19 (9) enrollment growth or new district
20 adjustment;
- 21 (10) special education units derived from
22 membership in class D special education programs in private,
23 nonsectarian, nonprofit training centers;
- 24 (11) national board for professional teaching
25 standards certification;

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- 1 (12) home school student;
- 2 (13) home school student activities;
- 3 (14) charter school student activities; ~~[and]~~
- 4 (15) K-12 plus; and
- 5 (16) career technical education.

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