

1 SENATE BILL 480

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

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS; REQUIRING THE PUBLIC EDUCATION  
12 DEPARTMENT TO CREATE AN ANNUAL REPORT OF ALL STUDENTS WHO ARE  
13 SCHOOL-AGE AND HAVE NOT GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL WITHIN FOUR  
14 YEARS FROM ENTERING NINTH GRADE AND TO PROVIDE THE REPORT TO  
15 CERTAIN RECIPIENTS WHO PROVIDE ADULT EDUCATION OR PROGRAMMING  
16 TO ATTAIN A HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY CREDENTIAL.

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

19 SECTION 1. A new section of the Public School Code is  
20 enacted to read:

21 "[NEW MATERIAL] ANNUAL REPORT OF ALL OUT-OF-COHORT  
22 STUDENTS.--

23 A. No later than July 15 after each school year,  
24 the department shall create a report of all out-of-cohort  
25 students who were enrolled in a public school during that

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1 immediately preceding school year.

2 B. The department shall provide the report created  
3 pursuant to Subsection A of this section to the higher  
4 education department, public post-secondary educational  
5 institutions, adult basic education providers, workforce  
6 development programs and school districts or charter schools  
7 that provide programming for out-of-cohort students attaining a  
8 high school diploma or high school equivalency credential.

9 C. As used in this section, "out-of-cohort  
10 students" means school-age persons who have not graduated from  
11 high school within four years from entering the ninth grade."