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AN ACT

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

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

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

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

A. provide for the study, development and implementation of educational systems that affect the academic success of Hispanic students to increase graduation rates and ensure lifelong success;

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

C. encourage and foster parental involvement in the education of their children; and

D. provide mechanisms for parents; community, community-based and business organizations; public schools; school districts; charter schools; public post-secondary

1 educational institutions; the higher education department;
2 the public education department; and state and local
3 policymakers to work together to improve educational
4 opportunities for Hispanic students for the purpose of
5 increasing graduation rates, increasing post-secondary
6 enrollment, retention and completion and ensuring lifelong
7 success."

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

11 "22-23B-5. HISPANIC EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL.--

12 A. The "Hispanic education advisory council" is
13 created as an advisory council to the secretary. The council
14 shall advise the secretary on matters related to improving
15 public school education for Hispanic students, increasing
16 parent involvement and community engagement in the education
17 of Hispanic students and increasing the number of Hispanic
18 high school graduates who succeed in post-secondary academic,
19 professional or vocational education.

20 B. The secretary shall appoint no more than
21 twenty-three members to the council who are knowledgeable
22 about and interested in the education of Hispanic students,
23 including representatives of public schools; post-secondary
24 education and teacher preparation programs; parents; Hispanic
25 cultural, community and business organizations; other

1 community and business organizations; and other interested
2 persons. The secretary shall give due regard to geographic
3 representation. Members shall serve at the pleasure of the
4 secretary.

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

7 D. The council shall meet as necessary, but at
8 least twice each year at the biannual Hispanic education
9 summit.

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

12 F. Members of the council may receive per diem and
13 mileage as provided for nonsalaried public officers in the Per
14 Diem and Mileage Act and shall receive no other compensation,
15 perquisite or allowance." _____

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