HOUSE BILL 47

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE; AMENDING AND ENACTING
SECTIONS OF THE NMSA 1978 PERTAINING TO PROGRAM COST
CALCULATION; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

    Section 1. Section 22-8-18 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1974,
Chapter 8, Section 8, as amended) is amended to read:

    "22-8-18. PROGRAM COST CALCULATION--LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD
RESPONSIBILITY.--

        A. The total program units for the purpose of
computing the program cost shall be calculated by multiplying
the sum of the program units itemized as Paragraphs (1)
through (4) [in] of this subsection by the [instruction]
instructional staff training and experience index and adding
the program units itemized as Paragraphs (5) through [(8) in]
(9) of this subsection. The itemized program units are as
follows:

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1   (1)   early childhood education;

2   (2)   basic education;

3   (3)   special education, adjusted by

subtracting the units derived from membership in class D

special education programs in private, nonsectarian,

nonprofit training centers;

               (4)   bilingual multicultural education;

               (5)   size adjustment;

               (6)   at-risk program;

               (7)   enrollment growth or new district

adjustment; [and]

               (8)   special education units derived from

membership in class D special education programs in private,

nonsectarian, nonprofit training centers; and

               (9)   national board for professional teaching

standards certification.

       B.   The total program cost calculated as prescribed

in Subsection A of this section includes the cost of early

childhood, special, bilingual, multicultural and vocational

education and other remedial or enrichment programs. It is

the responsibility of the local school board to determine its

priorities in terms of the needs of the community served by

that board. Funds generated under the Public School Finance

Act are discretionary to local school boards [provided that]

if the special program needs as enumerated in this section

are met."

      Section 2. A new section of the Public School Finance

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1   Act, Section 22-8-23.4 NMSA 1978, is enacted to read:

2   "22-8-23.4.   [NEW MATERIAL] NATIONAL BOARD FOR

3   PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS--CERTIFIED TEACHERS PROGRAM

4   UNITS.--The number of program units received by a district

5   for teachers certified by the national board for professional

6   teaching standards is determined by multiplying by 1.5 the

7   number of certified school instructors who are verified by

8   the department as nationally board certified and employed by

9   the school district on or before the fortieth day of the

10   school year. Department approval of the program units shall

11   be contingent on verification by the school district that the

12   teachers who are certified by the national board for

13   professional teaching standards are receiving as compensation

14   for their national board certification a one-time increase in

15   salary equal to or greater than the amount generated by the

16   program units multiplied by the program unit value during the

17   fiscal year in which the school district will receive the

18   units."

19   Section 3. APPROPRIATION.--Three hundred thousand

20   dollars ($300,000) is appropriated from the general fund to

21   the state department of public education for expenditure in

22   fiscal year 2001 to provide teachers as compensation for

23   their national board for professional teaching standards

24   certification with a one-time increase in salary. Any

25   unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of

     fiscal year 2001 shall revert to the general fund.

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