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HOUSE BILL 35

45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001

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FOR THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE

AN ACT

**RELATING TO EDUCATION; PROVIDING FOR ALL SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO
IMPLEMENT FLEXIBLE SCHOOL CALENDARS; AMENDING A SECTION OF THE
NMSA 1978.**

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

**Section 1. Section 22-8-9 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1967,
Chapter 16, Section 63, as amended) is amended to read:**

"22-8-9. BUDGETS--MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS. --

**A. No budget for a school district shall be
approved by the department of education that does not provide
for:**

**(1) a school year consisting of at least one
hundred eighty full instructional days or the equivalent
thereof, exclusive of any release time for in-service
training; or**

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1 (2) a variable school year consisting of a
2 minimum number of instructional hours established by the state
3 board; and

4 (3) a pupil-teacher ratio or class or
5 teaching load as provided in Section 22-2-8.2 NMSA 1978.

6 B. The state board shall, by regulation, establish
7 the requirements for a teaching day, the standards for an
8 instructional hour and the standards for a full-time certified
9 [classroom] school instructor and for the equivalent thereof.

10 C. The local school board shall submit a plan for
11 the implementation of an alternate school year to the state
12 superintendent for his approval.

13 [~~D. The provisions of Subsection C and Paragraph~~
14 ~~(2) of Subsection A of this section shall apply to school~~
15 ~~districts with a MEM of one thousand or fewer.] "~~