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HOUSE BILL 57

45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2002

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE; CHANGING THE CALCULATION  
FOR DETERMINING ENROLLMENT GROWTH PROGRAM UNITS; MAKING AN  
APPROPRIATION.

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

Section 1. Section 22-8-23.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1990  
(1st S.S.), Chapter 3, Section 7, as amended) is amended to  
read:

"22-8-23.1. ENROLLMENT GROWTH PROGRAM UNITS. --

A. A school district with an increase in MEM, when  
compared with the immediately preceding year, is eligible for  
additional program units. The number of additional program  
units shall be calculated as follows:

(Current Year MEM - Previous Year MEM) X Adjusted

Average Units Per MEM = Units.

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1                   B. In addition to the units calculated in  
2 Subsection A of this section, a school district with an  
3 increase in MEM equal to or greater than one percent, when  
4 compared with the immediately preceding year, is eligible for  
5 additional program units. The increase in MEM shall be  
6 calculated in the following manner:

7                   
$$\frac{(\text{Current Year MEM} - \text{Previous Year MEM})}{\text{Previous Year MEM}} \times 100 = \text{Percent Increase.}$$

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9 The number of additional program units to which an eligible  
10 school district is entitled under this subsection is the  
11 number of units computed in the following manner:

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$$((\text{Current Year MEM} [\text{for current year}] - \text{Previous Year}$$
  
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$$\text{MEM} [\text{for prior year}]) - (\text{Previous Year MEM} \times .01)) \times .50 = \text{Units}$$
  
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$$[\text{where MEM is equal to the total district membership,$$
  
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$$\text{including early childhood education full-time equivalent}$$
  
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$$\text{membership and special education membership}].$$

17                   C. As used in this section:

18                   (1) "adjusted average units per MEM" means  
19 the statewide average number of units per current year MEM,  
20 excluding the units that are attributable to projected growth;

21                   (2) "current year MEM" means MEM on the  
22 fortieth day of the current year;

23                   (3) "MEM" means the total school district  
24 membership, including early childhood education full-time  
25 equivalent membership and special education membership, but

1 excluding full-day kindergarten membership for the first year  
2 that full-day kindergarten is implemented in a school pursuant  
3 to Subsection D of Section 22-2-19 NMSA 1978; and

4 (4) "previous year MEM" means MEM on the  
5 fortieth day of the previous year."

6 Section 2. APPROPRIATION. --Nine million five hundred  
7 thousand dollars (\$9,500,000) is appropriated from the general  
8 fund to the state department of public education for  
9 expenditure in fiscal year 2003 to fund the increase in  
10 enrollment growth program units for school districts. Any  
11 unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of  
12 fiscal year 2003 shall revert to the general fund.

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