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HOUSE BILL 608

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE; CREATING A FEDERALLY

CONNECTED STUDENT PROGRAM UNIT EQUAL TO SEVENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF

FEDERAL IMPACT AID.

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 (5) in this subsection by the instructional staff training and experience index and adding the program units itemized as Paragraphs (6) through [(10)] (11) in this subsection. The .160590.1

1	itemized program units are as follows:
2	(1) early childhood education;
3	(2) basic education;
4	(3) special education, adjusted by subtracting
5	the units derived from membership in class D special education
6	programs in private, nonsectarian, nonprofit training centers;
7	(4) bilingual multicultural education;
8	(5) fine arts education;
9	(6) size adjustment;
10	(7) at-risk program;
11	(8) enrollment growth or new district
12	adjustment;
13	(9) special education units derived from
14	membership in class D special education programs in private,
15	nonsectarian, nonprofit training centers; [and]
16	(10) national board for professional teaching
17	standards certification; <u>and</u>
18	(11) federally connected students.
19	B. The total program cost calculated as prescribed
20	in Subsection A of this section includes the cost of early
21	childhood, special, bilingual multicultural, fine arts and
22	vocational education and other remedial or enrichment programs.
23	It is the responsibility of the local school board to determine
24	its priorities in terms of the needs of the community served by
25	that board. Funds generated under the Public School Finance
	.160590.1

Act are discretionary to local school boards, provided that the special program needs as enumerated in this section are met."

Section 2. A new section of the Public School Finance Act is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] FEDERALLY CONNECTED STUDENTS PROGRAM
UNITS.--The number of units for federally connected students is
determined by multiplying the full-time equivalent MEM as
reflected in the district's prior-year federal impact aid
application by a cost differential determined annually by the
department that will equal seventy-five percent of the total
amount generated by the total number of federally connected
students in the district."

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