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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE; ADDING THE CHARTER SCHOOL
STUDENT ACTIVITIES PROGRAM UNIT INTO THE PROGRAM COST
CALCULATION.

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
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 (11) in this subsection.
The itemized program units are as follows:

- (1) early childhood education;
- (2) basic education;
- (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) fine arts education;

- 1 (6) size adjustment;
2 (7) at-risk program;
3 (8) enrollment growth or new district
4 adjustment;
5 (9) special education units derived from
6 membership in class D special education programs in private,
7 nonsectarian, nonprofit training centers;
8 (10) national board for professional
9 teaching standards certification; and
10 (11) charter school student activities.

11 B. The total program cost calculated as prescribed
12 in Subsection A of this section includes the cost of early
13 childhood, special, bilingual multicultural, fine arts and
14 vocational education and other remedial or enrichment
15 programs. It is the responsibility of the local school board
16 or governing body of a charter school to determine its
17 priorities in terms of the needs of the community served by
18 that board. Funds generated under the Public School Finance
19 Act are discretionary to local school boards and governing
20 bodies of charter schools, provided that the special program
21 needs as enumerated in this section are met."

22 Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
23 provisions of this act is July 1, 2007. _____