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AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; ENACTING THE MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE
EDUCATION ACT; CREATING THE MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE BUREAU IN
THE PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT; CREATING AN ADVISORY
COUNCIL; CREATING A FUND.

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

Section 1. A new section of the Public School Code is
enacted to read:

"SHORT TITLE.--This act may be cited as the "Mathematics
and Science Education Act"."

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

"DEFINITIONS.--As used in the Mathematics and Science
Education Act:

A. "bureau" means the mathematics and science
bureau;

B. "chief" means the chief of the bureau; and

C. "council" means the mathematics and science
advisory council."

Section 3. A new section of the Public School Code is
enacted to read:

"BUREAU CREATED--DUTIES.--

A. The "mathematics and science bureau" is created
in the department. The secretary shall appoint the chief as

1 provided in the Public Education Department Act.

2 B. The bureau shall:

3 (1) administer the provisions of the
4 Mathematics and Science Education Act;

5 (2) provide staff support for and coordinate
6 the activities of the council;

7 (3) work with the council to develop a
8 statewide strategic plan for mathematics and science
9 education in the public schools and coordinate education
10 activities with other state agencies, the federal government,
11 business consortia and public or private organizations or
12 other persons;

13 (4) ensure that school districts' plans
14 include goals for improving mathematics and science education
15 aligned to the department's strategic plan;

16 (5) recommend funding mechanisms that
17 support the improvement of mathematics and science education
18 in the state, including web-based mathematics and science
19 curricula, mentoring and web-based homework assistance;

20 (6) promote partnerships among public
21 schools, higher education institutions, government, business
22 and educational and community organizations to improve the
23 mathematics and science education in the state;

24 (7) develop and evaluate curricula,
25 instructional programs and professional development programs

1 in mathematics and science aligned with state academic
2 content and performance standards; and

3 (8) assess the outcomes of efforts to
4 improve mathematics and science education using existing
5 data."

6 Section 4. A new section of the Public School Code is
7 enacted to read:

8 "MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE ADVISORY COUNCIL--CREATED--
9 MEMBERS--TERMS--VACANCIES.--

10 A. The "mathematics and science advisory council"
11 is created, composed of twelve members. Members of the
12 council shall be appointed by the secretary for staggered
13 terms of four years; provided that for the initial
14 appointments, four members shall be appointed for two years,
15 four members shall be appointed for three years and four
16 members shall be appointed for four years. Members shall
17 serve until their successors have been appointed and
18 qualified. A vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the
19 secretary for the unexpired term.

20 B. Using a statewide application process, the
21 secretary shall appoint members from throughout the state so
22 as to ensure representation of the state's demographics,
23 including geographic distribution, gender and ethnic
24 diversity and as follows:

25 (1) four members from public schools,

1 including at least two mathematics and science teachers and a
2 school district administrator with experience in mathematics
3 and science curricula;

4 (2) three members from public post-secondary
5 educational institutions with expertise in mathematics or
6 science education;

7 (3) four members from the private sector,
8 including the national laboratories, museums and science- and
9 engineering-based businesses; and

10 (4) one member who represents the New Mexico
11 partnership for mathematics and science education.

12 C. Members of the council shall elect a chair from
13 among the membership. The council shall meet at the call of
14 the chair not less than quarterly.

15 D. Members of the council are entitled to receive
16 per diem and mileage pursuant to the provisions of the Per
17 Diem and Mileage Act but shall receive no other compensation,
18 perquisite or allowance."

19 Section 5. A new section of the Public School Code is
20 enacted to read:

21 "COUNCIL DUTIES.--The council shall:

22 A. advise the bureau on implementation of the
23 bureau's duties pursuant to the Mathematics and Science
24 Education Act;

25 B. make recommendations to the bureau and the

1 department regarding the statewide strategic plan for
2 improving mathematics and science education and advise on its
3 implementation and incorporation into the department's
4 five-year strategic plan for public elementary and secondary
5 education in the state;

6 C. advise the bureau, the department and the
7 legislature regarding appropriations for mathematics and
8 science education, administration, resources and services,
9 including programs for public school students and staff;

10 D. work with the bureau to determine the need for
11 improvement in mathematics and science achievement of public
12 school students and make recommendations to the department on
13 how to meet these needs; and

14 E. produce an annual report on public elementary
15 and secondary mathematics and science student achievement to
16 be submitted to the department, the governor and the
17 legislature no later than November 30 of each year."

18 Section 6. A new section of the Public School Code is
19 enacted to read:

20 "MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE PROFICIENCY FUND--CREATED--
21 PURPOSE--ANNUAL REPORTS.--

22 A. The "mathematics and science proficiency fund"
23 is created as a nonreverting fund in the state treasury. The
24 fund consists of appropriations, gifts, grants, donations and
25 income from investment of the fund. Disbursements from the

1 fund shall be made by warrant of the secretary of finance and
2 administration pursuant to vouchers signed by the secretary
3 of public education or the secretary's authorized
4 representative.

5 B. The fund shall be administered by the
6 department, and money in the fund is appropriated to the
7 department to provide awards to public schools, school
8 districts, public post-secondary educational institutions and
9 persons that implement innovative, research-based mathematics
10 and science curricula and professional development programs.
11 The department shall promulgate rules for the application and
12 award of money from the fund, including criteria to evaluate
13 innovative, research-based mathematics and science programs
14 and professional development programs.

15 C. Each award recipient shall provide an annual
16 report to the bureau that includes a detailed budget report, a
17 description of the services provided and documented evidence
18 of the stated outcomes of the program funded by the
19 mathematics and science proficiency fund and that provides
20 other information requested by the bureau." _____

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