SENATE BILL 30

48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2008

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS; ALLOWING FOR THE CONTINUATION OF FAMILY AND YOUTH RESOURCES PROGRAM GRANTS WHEN A SCHOOL'S POVERTY LEVEL FLUCTUATES; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

Section 1. Section 22-2D-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2003, Chapter 153, Section 66) is amended to read:

"22-2D-3. PROGRAMS--PURPOSE--FUNCTIONS.--

A. A "family and youth resources program" may be created in any public school in the state. Except as provided in Subsection D of this section, the department shall accept applications for grants from public schools in which eighty percent of the students are eligible for the free or reduced-fee lunch program to fund their program.

B. The purpose of the program is to provide an

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1   intermediary for students and their families at public schools

2   to access social and health care services. The goal of the

3   program is to forge mutual long-term relationships with public

4   and private agencies and community-based, civic and corporate

5   organizations to help students attain high academic achievement

6   by meeting certain nonacademic needs of students and their

7   families.

8   C.   A program shall include the employment of a

9   resource liaison, who shall:

10   (1) assess student and family needs and match

11   those needs with appropriate public or private providers,

12   including civic and corporate sponsors;

13   (2) make referrals to health care and social

14   service providers;

15   (3) collaborate and coordinate with health and

16   social service agencies and organizations through school-based

17   and off-site delivery systems;

18   (4) recruit service providers and business,

19   community and civic organizations to provide needed services

20   and goods that are not otherwise available to a student or

21   [his] the student's family;

22   (5) establish partnerships between the school

23   and community organizations such as civic, business and

24   professional groups and organizations; and recreational, social

25   and after-school programs such as boys' and girls' clubs and

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boy and girl scouts;

(6) identify and coordinate age-appropriate resources for students in need of:

(a) counseling, training and placement for employment;

(b) drug and alcohol abuse counseling;

(c) family crisis counseling; and

(d) mental health counseling;

(7) promote family support and parent education programs; and

(8) seek out other services or goods a student or [his] the student's family needs to assist the student to stay in school and succeed.

D. A public school or group of public schools that has received a grant to establish a family and youth resources program may continue to be eligible for funding if its percentage of students eligible for the free or reduced-fee price lunch program drops below eighty percent, so long as it maintains an average of eighty percent or more for any three-year period."

Section 2. APPROPRIATION.--Three million dollars ($3,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the family and youth resource fund for expenditure in fiscal year 2009 and subsequent fiscal years to award grants to support and increase the number of public schools with family and youth

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resources programs. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance

remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the

general fund.

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