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SENATE BILL 153

49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009

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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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1 boy and girl scouts;

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

4 (a) counseling, training and placement
5 for employment;

6 (b) drug and alcohol abuse counseling;

7 (c) family crisis counseling; and

8 (d) mental health counseling;

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

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

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

21 Section 2. APPROPRIATION.--One million five hundred
22 thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) is appropriated from the general
23 fund to the family and youth resource fund for expenditure in
24 fiscal year 2010 and subsequent fiscal years to award grants to
25 support and increase the number of public schools with family

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1 and youth resources programs. Any unexpended or unencumbered
2 balance remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert
3 to the general fund.

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