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HOUSE BILL 424

**51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013**

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC EDUCATION; PROVIDING FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO  
FORM EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOLS; EXEMPTING EARLY COLLEGE HIGH  
SCHOOLS FROM CERTAIN CAPITAL OUTLAY FUNDS.

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:

"[NEW MATERIAL] EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOLS.--

A. Early college high schools may be established by  
school districts pursuant to this section. Each early college  
high school shall have:

(1) a commitment to provide each student the  
opportunity to graduate from the early college high school with  
a diploma of excellence and an associate of arts degree;

(2) a commitment to prepare students to enter

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1 the work force upon graduation from the early college high  
2 school;

3 (3) documentation of the areas of employment  
4 for which there is a local or state work force need;

5 (4) a proposed curriculum that includes:

6 (a) articulated areas of study aligned  
7 with the areas of employment for which there is a local or  
8 state work force need and for which students will be prepared;

9 (b) courses in the areas of study  
10 described in Subparagraph (a) of this paragraph;

11 (c) work force preparation courses; and

12 (d) work-study or workplace mentorship  
13 opportunities;

14 (5) a memorandum of understanding or other  
15 agreement with one or more institutions of higher education  
16 that may offer students of the early college high school:

17 (a) dual credit courses aligned with the  
18 areas of study described in Subparagraph (a) of Paragraph (4)  
19 of this subsection; or

20 (b) associate of arts degrees upon  
21 completion of courses and requirements pursuant to the  
22 standards for students enrolled in the institutions of higher  
23 education;

24 (6) documentation from one or more for-profit  
25 or nonprofit entities agreeing to:

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- 1 (a) provide work-study or workplace
- 2 mentoring opportunities to students;
- 3 (b) donate materials or provide
- 4 classroom instruction; or
- 5 (c) donate money, real property or
- 6 personal property; enter into financing or other agreements
- 7 with the school district; or provide other financial support to
- 8 or on behalf of the early college high school;
- 9 (7) an identified existing facility or
- 10 identified funding sources for constructing or acquiring a
- 11 proposed facility for the early college high school; and
- 12 (8) a plan for:
- 13 (a) receiving support pursuant to
- 14 Paragraph (6) of this subsection for three or more years; and
- 15 (b) taking any additional measures to
- 16 operate and sustain the early college high school for three or
- 17 more years.
- 18 B. Early college high schools established pursuant
- 19 to this section shall not be eligible for public school capital
- 20 outlay funding pursuant to Section 22-24-5 NMSA 1978."