

1 AN ACT

2 RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE; ALLOWING HOME SCHOOLED
3 STUDENTS TO ENROLL IN CLASSES AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS; PROVIDING
4 FOR THE CALCULATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF PROGRAM UNITS.

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

7 SECTION 1. A new section of the Public School Finance
8 Act is enacted to read:

9 "HOME SCHOOLED STUDENT PROGRAM UNITS.--Notwithstanding
10 the provision in Section 22-8-2 NMSA 1978 defining a
11 qualified student as one who is regularly enrolled in
12 one-half or more of the minimum course requirements approved
13 by the department for public school students, home schooled
14 students may take one or more classes at public schools and,
15 if so, shall generate program units as provided in this
16 section. The home schooled student program unit for a school
17 district is determined by multiplying the number of home
18 schooled students who are enrolled in one or more classes by
19 the cost differential factor 0.25 per class per student up to
20 the enrollment required for the student to meet the
21 definition of "qualified student". The home schooled student
22 program units shall be paid to the school district in which
23 they are generated. A home schooled student is eligible to
24 enroll in a public school in the attendance zone in which the
25 student resides or in another public school outside the

1 attendance zone as provided in Section 22-1-4 NMSA 1978. The
2 school district shall verify each home schooled student's
3 academic and other eligibility to enroll in the class."

4 SECTION 2. APPLICABILITY.--This act applies to the
5 2014-2015 school year and subsequent school years. _____

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