

HOUSE BILL 461

53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2017

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC EDUCATION; AMENDING THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CODE TO SPECIFY AND CLARIFY THE DUTIES OF THE PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION IN TERMS OF THE REQUIREMENT TO DEVELOP AN EDUCATION STRATEGIC PLAN; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. Section 22-2-2.2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2004, Chapter 27, Section 17) is amended to read:

"22-2-2.2. COMMISSION--DUTIES.--

A. The commission shall work with the department to develop the five-year strategic plan for public elementary and secondary education in the state. ~~[The strategic plan shall be updated at least biennially. The commission shall solicit the input of persons who have an interest in public school policy, including local school boards, school districts and school~~

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3 ~~higher education; colleges, universities and vocational~~
4 ~~schools; state agencies responsible for educating resident~~
5 ~~children; juvenile justice agencies; work force development~~
6 ~~providers; and business organizations.] In carrying out its~~
7 duties, the commission shall:

8 (1) convene advisory panels and engage key
9 stakeholders with interest and experience in early childhood,
10 public and higher education, including:

11 (a) local school boards, school
12 districts and school employees;

13 (b) home schooling associations and
14 interest groups;

15 (c) parent-teacher organizations;

16 (d) educational organizations;

17 (e) the higher education department and
18 universities, community colleges and vocational schools;

19 (f) state agencies responsible for
20 educating resident students;

21 (g) juvenile justice agencies;

22 (h) various local, state and national
23 subject matter experts and advocates;

24 (i) workforce development providers; and

25 (j) business and civic leaders;

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1 (2) evaluate the current and potential
2 education system funding mechanisms;

3 (3) evaluate the effect of the federal Every
4 Student Succeeds Act on public education in New Mexico;

5 (4) evaluate the needs of English language
6 learners and special education and at-risk students;

7 (5) evaluate the implementation of innovations
8 and incentives to improve academic outcomes for Hispanic,
9 Native American and African-American students;

10 (6) evaluate the effectiveness of the current
11 level of investment in education in the state and the process
12 for its financing; and

13 (7) propose a long-range financing plan that
14 is both sufficient to support the recommendations of the
15 commission and ensures sustained funding into the future.

16 B. The commission shall update the strategic plan
17 biennially and present to the governor and the legislature its
18 recommendations prior to each legislative session in odd-
19 numbered years.

20 [~~B.~~] C. In addition to the [~~duty~~] duties provided
21 in [~~Subsection~~] Subsections A and B of this section, the
22 commission shall:

23 (1) solicit input from local school boards,
24 school districts and the public on policy and governance issues
25 and report its findings and recommendations to the secretary

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1 and the legislature; and

2 (2) recommend to the secretary conduct and
3 process guidelines and training curricula for local school
4 boards."

5 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public
6 peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.