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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC EDUCATION; AMENDING THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CODE TO REQUIRE THE PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO ADOPT ACADEMIC CONTENT AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR FINE ARTS AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION.

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

SECTION 1. Section 22-2C-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2003, Chapter 153, Section 12, as amended) is amended to read:

"22-2C-3. ACADEMIC CONTENT AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS-- DEPARTMENT POWERS AND DUTIES.--

A. The department shall adopt academic content and performance standards for grades one through twelve in the following areas:

- (1) mathematics;
- (2) reading and language arts;
- (3) science;
- (4) social studies;
- (5) fine arts; and
- (6) physical education.

B. The department may adopt content and performance standards in other subject areas.

C. Academic content and performance standards shall be sufficiently academically challenging to meet or exceed any applicable federal requirements.

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D. The department shall measure the performance of every public school in New Mexico."

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