

HOUSE BILL 198

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC EDUCATION; AMENDING THE CAREER TECHNICAL  
EDUCATION PILOT PROJECT AND THE CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION FUND  
TO INCLUDE SECONDARY SCHOOLS FUNDED BY THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF  
INDIAN EDUCATION.

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

SECTION 1. Section 22-1-12 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2019,  
Chapter 61, Section 1) is amended to read:

"22-1-12. CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION PILOT PROJECT.--

A. A "career technical education pilot project" is  
created as a seven-year pilot project administered by the  
department to fund high-quality career technical education  
programs and monitor their effect on student outcomes,  
including achievement scores, academic growth, remediation  
rates and graduation rates. The department shall consult with

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1 the higher education department and the workforce solutions  
2 department as it develops its measures to determine what  
3 constitutes a high-quality career technical education program  
4 and what students should know and be able to demonstrate to an  
5 employer or to succeed in a post-secondary career technical  
6 education program. School districts, ~~[and]~~ charter schools and  
7 secondary schools funded by the federal bureau of Indian  
8 education may apply to participate in the pilot project on  
9 forms provided by the department. The department may provide  
10 grants to school districts, ~~[and]~~ charter schools and secondary  
11 schools funded by the federal bureau of Indian education to:

12 (1) establish career technical education  
13 programs as part of the pilot project; and

14 (2) provide professional development and  
15 training to career technical education teachers in the pilot  
16 project.

17 B. At a minimum, the career technical education  
18 programs funded by the department as part of the pilot project  
19 shall:

20 (1) include rigorous content aligned with  
21 academic standards and relevant career technical content that  
22 align secondary and post-secondary education;

23 (2) incorporate permeable pathways through  
24 post-secondary education;

25 (3) include potential for dual credit courses;

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1 (4) require competency in science, technology,  
2 engineering and mathematics;

3 (5) require training in soft skills and social  
4 skills;

5 (6) lead to an industry-recognized credential  
6 at the post-secondary level or to an associate's or bachelor's  
7 degree;

8 (7) establish partnerships among the local  
9 school district, ~~[or]~~ charter school or secondary school funded  
10 by the federal bureau of Indian education, post-secondary  
11 institutions and local business and industry; and

12 (8) provide the data necessary to the  
13 department and the participating public schools and secondary  
14 schools funded by the federal bureau of Indian education to  
15 evaluate each program and the pilot project.

16 C. The department shall provide professional  
17 development to existing career technical education teachers and  
18 training to new teachers in career technical education that:

19 (1) addresses project-based learning;  
20 (2) includes the basics of pedagogy;  
21 (3) promotes integration of career technical  
22 curricula with core content areas;

23 (4) includes training in instruction for  
24 employability and soft skills;

25 (5) includes training in social-emotional

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1 learning and trauma-informed instruction; and

2 (6) addresses department standards and  
3 benchmarks for career technical education.

4 D. The department shall promulgate rules for the  
5 administration of the pilot project, the collection and  
6 analysis of student, program and instructor data and required  
7 reporting by participating public schools and secondary schools  
8 funded by the federal bureau of Indian education.

9 E. The department shall provide annual and final  
10 reports to the legislature through the legislative education  
11 study committee and the governor on the efficacy of the pilot  
12 project."

13 SECTION 2. Section 22-1-13 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2019,  
14 Chapter 61, Section 2) is amended to read:

15 "22-1-13. CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION FUND CREATED.--The  
16 "career technical education fund" is created as a nonreverting  
17 fund in the state treasury until the end of the pilot project.  
18 The fund consists of appropriations, gifts, grants and  
19 donations. The department shall administer the fund, and money  
20 in the fund is appropriated to the department to carry out the  
21 career technical education pilot project. The fund shall be  
22 administered by the department, and money in the fund is  
23 appropriated to the department to provide grants to school  
24 districts, [~~and~~] charter schools and secondary schools funded  
25 by the federal bureau of Indian education participating in the

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1 pilot project. Expenditures from the fund shall be on warrants  
2 of the secretary of finance and administration on vouchers  
3 signed by the secretary of public education or the secretary's  
4 designated representative."

5 SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the  
6 provisions of this act is July 1, 2023.

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