

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL 480

**57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025**

AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS; REQUIRING THE PUBLIC EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT TO CREATE AN ANNUAL REPORT OF ALL STUDENTS WHO ARE  
SCHOOL-AGE AND HAVE NOT GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL WITHIN FOUR  
YEARS FROM ENTERING NINTH GRADE AND TO PROVIDE THE REPORT UPON  
REQUEST TO CERTAIN RECIPIENTS WHO PROVIDE ADULT EDUCATION OR  
PROGRAMMING TO ATTAIN A HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY CREDENTIAL.

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] ANNUAL REPORT OF ALL OUT-OF-COHORT  
STUDENTS.--

A. No later than July 15 after each school year,  
the department shall create a report of the directory  
information for all out-of-cohort students who were enrolled in

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1 a public school in any one of the immediately preceding four  
2 school years.

3 B. Upon request, the department shall provide the  
4 report created pursuant to Subsection A of this section to the  
5 higher education department, public post-secondary educational  
6 institutions, school districts or charter schools and New  
7 Mexico-based adult basic education providers or workforce  
8 development programs that provide programming for out-of-cohort  
9 students attaining a high school diploma, a high school  
10 equivalency credential or workforce credentials.

11 C. As used in this section, "out-of-cohort  
12 students" means school-age persons who have not graduated from  
13 high school within four years from entering the ninth grade."