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SENATE BILL 480

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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 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 all out-of-cohort students who were enrolled in a public school during that .230298.3

immediately preceding school year.

- The department shall provide the report created pursuant to Subsection A of this section to the higher education department, public post-secondary educational institutions, adult basic education providers, workforce development programs and school districts or charter schools that provide programming for out-of-cohort students attaining a high school diploma or high school equivalency credential.
- C. As used in this section, "out-of-cohort students" means school-age persons who have not graduated from high school within four years from entering the ninth grade."

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