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HOUSE BILL 217

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

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FOR THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA TASK FORCE

AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; AMENDING AND ENACTING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE ACT TO AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL PROGRAM UNITS FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS EMPLOYING CERTAIN NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFIED INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF.

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

Section 1. Section 22-8-18 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1974, Chapter 8, Section 8, as amended) is amended to read:

"22-8-18. PROGRAM COST CALCULATION--LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD RESPONSIBILITY.--

A. The total program units for the purpose of computing the program cost shall be calculated by multiplying the sum of the program units itemized as Paragraphs (1) through (4) in this subsection by the instruction staff training and experience index and adding the program units itemized as

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1 Paragraphs (5) through [~~(7)~~] (8) in this subsection. The  
2 itemized program units are as follows:

3 (1) early childhood education;  
4 (2) basic education;  
5 (3) special education, adjusted by subtracting  
6 the units derived from class D special education MEM in private,  
7 nonsectarian, nonprofit training centers;

8 (4) bilingual multicultural education;  
9 (5) size adjustment;  
10 (6) national board certified teacher program  
11 units;

12 [~~(6)~~] (7) enrollment growth or new district  
13 adjustment; and

14 [~~(7)~~] (8) special education units derived from  
15 class D special education MEM in private, nonsectarian,  
16 nonprofit training centers.

17 B. The total program cost calculated as prescribed  
18 in Subsection A of this section includes the cost of early  
19 childhood, special, bilingual multicultural and vocational  
20 education and other remedial or enrichment programs. It is the  
21 responsibility of the local school board to determine its  
22 priorities in terms of the needs of the community served by that  
23 board. Funds generated under the Public School Finance Act are  
24 discretionary to local school boards, provided that the special  
25 program needs as enumerated in this section are met. "

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Section 2. A new section of the Public School Finance Act, Section 22-8-23.3 NMSA 1978, is enacted to read:

"22-8-23.3. [NEW MATERIAL] NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFIED INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF--PROGRAM UNITS. --A school district employing instructional staff who are certified by the national board for professional teaching standards is eligible for additional program units. The number of additional program units to which an eligible district is entitled under this section is as follows:

(Number of Full-Time-Equivalent National Board Certified Instructional Staff x 4) = Units

where "instructional staff" means the personnel assigned to the instructional program of the school district, excluding principals, substitute teachers, instructional aides, secretaries and clerks. "

Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. --The effective date of the provisions of this act is July 1, 1997.