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HOUSE BILL 124

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1998

INTRODUCED BY

SHERYL M WILLIAMS

FOR THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; ENACTING THE CAREER EDUCATION  
OPPORTUNITIES IN WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT ACT; MAKING AN  
APPROPRIATION.

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] SHORT TITLE. -- This act may be cited as  
the "Career Education Opportunities in Work Force Development  
Act". "

Section 2. A new section of the Public School Code is  
enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] PURPOSE OF ACT. -- The purpose of the  
Career Education Opportunities in Work Force Development Act  
is to:

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1           A. expand and sustain the statewide school-to-work  
2 system after the federal school-to-work grant ends;

3           B. expand partnerships among public schools,  
4 public post-secondary educational institutions, business,  
5 industry and public entities to sustain an education system  
6 that meets the needs of New Mexico's current and future work  
7 force;

8           C. support student achievement of academic,  
9 technical and career competencies required in present and  
10 future work environments through an effective career education  
11 system; and

12           D. support the establishment of procedures to  
13 assist student transition from school to post-secondary  
14 education, advanced training or employment. "

15           Section 3. A new section of the Public School Code is  
16 enacted to read:

17           "NEW MATERIAL] DEFINITIONS. --As used in the Career  
18 Education Opportunities in Work Force Development Act:

19           A. "council" means the career education  
20 coordinating council;

21           B. "department" means the department of education;  
22 and

23           C. "division" means the vocational education  
24 division of the department. "

25           Section 4. A new section of the Public School Code is

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1 enacted to read:

2 "[NEW MATERIAL] DEPARTMENT DUTIES. --The department shall:

3 A. implement the provisions of the Career  
4 Education Opportunities in Work Force Development Act; and

5 B. cooperate with the executive, including the  
6 labor department; legislature; school districts; public post-  
7 secondary institutions; business; and industry, to expand and  
8 sustain a career education system that provides:

9 (1) work-based learning opportunities that  
10 include practical work and learning experiences within the  
11 workplace;

12 (2) school-based learning opportunities that  
13 include career exploration and mastery of vocational,  
14 technical and career competencies; and

15 (3) connecting activities that link work-  
16 based learning to school-based learning to:

17 (a) match students with employers and  
18 establish relationships between education and work;

19 (b) provide technical assistance to  
20 schools, students and employers;

21 (c) promote successful business and  
22 industry participation;

23 (d) provide services to assist students  
24 in job placement and admission into post-secondary education  
25 and training;

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1 (e) establish linkages between career  
2 development activities and industry; and

3 (f) collect data to evaluate the  
4 effectiveness of the career education system based on student  
5 performance and program success indicators. "

6 Section 5. A new section of the Public School Code is  
7 enacted to read:

8 "[NEW MATERIAL] CAREER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES. -- The  
9 department shall administer the Career Education Opportunities  
10 in Work Force Development Act. The department shall:

11 A. cooperate with other agencies to coordinate the  
12 delivery of programs and services to develop a highly  
13 qualified state work force;

14 B. coordinate statewide training activities for  
15 teachers, employers, mentors, counselors and other related  
16 personnel;

17 C. establish procedures to promote career  
18 education opportunities;

19 D. establish procedures to coordinate education  
20 and career preparation;

21 E. coordinate the development of state guidelines  
22 for job placement policies and procedures;

23 F. conduct statewide activities to support schools  
24 in implementing career education opportunities;

25 G. promote career education opportunities for

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1 students with disabilities and students who are at risk of  
2 dropping out; and

3 H. coordinate the development of a state plan to  
4 expand and sustain career education opportunities, including  
5 plans to ensure financial stability through effective use of  
6 state and federal resources. "

7 Section 6. A new section of the Public School Code is  
8 enacted to read:

9 "[NEW MATERIAL] CAREER EDUCATION COORDINATING COUNCIL--  
10 CREATION-- APPOINTMENT-- MEMBERSHIP. --

11 A. The "career education coordinating council" is  
12 created as an advisory to the executive, including the state  
13 board, the commission on higher education and the legislature.  
14 The council shall be appointed July 1, 2001 and shall be  
15 composed of fifteen members representing different  
16 geographical areas of the state and reflecting the diverse  
17 population of the state.

18 B. The president pro tempore of the senate shall  
19 appoint two members from the senate, one from each of the two  
20 major political parties, for terms of two years or less to  
21 coincide with their terms of office.

22 C. The speaker of the house shall appoint two  
23 members from the house of representatives, one from each of  
24 the two major political parties, for terms of two years or  
25 less to coincide with their terms of office.

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1           D. The president of the state board shall appoint  
2 a representative of the state board to a four-year term or  
3 until his term of office expires.

4           E. The governor shall appoint a representative  
5 from the governor's office to serve a four-year term.

6           F. Nine members shall be appointed jointly by the  
7 governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, the  
8 president pro tempore of the senate and the president of the  
9 state board as follows:

10                   (1) one representative of the division for a  
11 four-year term;

12                   (2) one representative of the job training  
13 division of the labor department for a four-year term;

14                   (3) one representative of the vocational  
15 rehabilitation division of the department for a four-year  
16 term;

17                   (4) one representative of a two-year post-  
18 secondary institution for a four-year term;

19                   (5) one representative of organized labor for  
20 a four-year term;

21                   (6) two representatives of the private sector  
22 for four-year terms; and

23                   (7) two representatives from public schools,  
24 to include an administrator and a teacher, for four-year  
25 terms. "

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1           Section 7. A new section of the Public School Code is  
2 enacted to read:

3           "[NEW MATERIAL] COUNCIL--PURPOSE AND DUTIES. --

4           A. The purpose of the council is to serve as  
5 advisory to the state work force development board in the  
6 development of the state strategic plan to coordinate state  
7 and federal funds to establish a highly qualified work force.

8           B. The council shall:

9                   (1) make recommendations to the executive,  
10 including the state board and the legislature regarding the  
11 coordination of federal and state work force education funds;  
12 and

13                   (2) make policy recommendations to the state  
14 board, the commission on higher education and the state work  
15 force development board on the development of a state process  
16 for evaluating the effectiveness of the career education  
17 opportunities system."

18           Section 8. A new section of the Public School Code is  
19 enacted to read:

20           "[NEW MATERIAL] STAFFING. --In order to carry out its  
21 function, the career education coordinating council may:

22           A. use department funds available for state  
23 councils under applicable career education-related programs;  
24 and

25           B. be staffed by division employees."





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9 Mr. Speaker:

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11 Your RULES AND ORDER OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE, to  
12 whom has been referred

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17 has had it under consideration and finds same to be GERMANE  
18 in accordance with constitutional provisions.

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R. David Pederson, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 10 For 0 Against

Yes: 10

Excused: Gubbels, Hobbs, Lujan, Ryan, Sanchez

Absent: None

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8 **Mr. Speaker:**

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10 **Your EDUCATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred**

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14 **has had it under consideration and reports same with**  
15 **recommendation that it DO NOT PASS, but that**

16 **HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE**  
17 **FOR HOUSE BILL 124**

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19 **DO PASS, and thence referred to the APPROPRIATIONS AND**  
20 **FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

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Rick Miera, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 8 For 4 Against

Yes: 8

No: Mallory, Nicely, Weeks, W. C. Williams

Excused: Beam

Absent: None

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AN ACT

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OPPORTUNITIES IN WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT ACT.

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Section 1. A new section of the Public School Code is  
enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] SHORT TITLE. -- This act may be cited as  
the "Career Education Opportunities in Work Force Development  
Act". "

Section 2. A new section of the Public School Code is  
enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] FINDINGS--PURPOSE OF ACT. --

A. The legislature finds that:

(1) a comprehensive and coherent system for  
career education opportunities is necessary to help New Mexico  
youth acquire the knowledge, skills, abilities and information  
about, and access to, the labor market necessary to make an  
effective transition from school to advanced job training,

1 post-secondary education and careers of choice;

2 (2) planned work experience that is linked to  
3 academic learning can be very effective in engaging student  
4 interest, enhancing skill acquisition, developing positive  
5 work attitudes and preparing youth for high-skill, high-wage  
6 careers; and

7 (3) students in New Mexico can achieve high  
8 academic and career standards and achieve greater school  
9 success through contextual learning that integrates applied  
10 academics and workplace competencies into the core curriculum.

11 B. The purpose of the Career Education

12 Opportunities in Work Force Development Act is to require the  
13 implementation of career education opportunities for work  
14 force development in public schools and to establish career  
15 education requirements that include:

16 (1) student mastery of the career readiness  
17 standards benchmarks;

18 (2) a comprehensive career guidance program  
19 that includes career awareness, career exploration, career  
20 assessment and career planning activities that expose all  
21 students to a broad array of career opportunities and that  
22 facilitate the selection and pursuit of career choices based  
23 on individual interests, goals, strengths and abilities;

24 (3) articulation between academic and  
25 vocational skills through curriculum integration, tech prep,  
concurrent enrollment, career academies and other recognized  
approaches that combine a common core of learning and  
technical education built on a foundation of basic proficiency

1 in math, science, communications and technology;

2 (4) structured work experience opportunities  
3 for students that involve direct and indirect linkages between  
4 the school and the workplace through which students develop  
5 essential workplace competencies;

6 (5) implementation of promising programs such  
7 as tech prep education, career academies, apprenticeships,  
8 cooperative education, school-sponsored enterprises, business-  
9 education compacts, vocational education and promising strategies  
10 that assist students' transition from school to post-secondary  
11 education, advanced training or employment; and

12 (6) local partnerships among secondary schools  
13 and post-secondary educational institutions, private and public  
14 employers, labor organizations, government, community-based  
15 organizations, parents, students and state and local agencies to  
16 link career education activities to future careers. "

17 Section 3. A new section of the Public School Code is  
18 enacted to read:

19 "[NEW MATERIAL] DEFINITIONS. --As used in the Career  
20 Education Opportunities in Work Force Development Act:

21 A. "council" means the career education coordinating  
22 council;

23 B. "department" means the department of education;  
24 and

25 C. "division" means the vocational education division  
of the department. "

Section 4. A new section of the Public School Code is  
enacted to read:

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1           "[NEW MATERIAL] DIVISION DUTIES. --The division shall:

2           A. work with the council to administer and implement  
3 the provisions of the Career Education Opportunities in Work  
4 Force Development Act;

5           B. cooperate with other agencies to coordinate the  
6 delivery of programs and services of career education  
7 opportunities and work force development;

8           C. coordinate statewide training activities that  
9 support career education for work force development;

10           D. assist public schools in the development and  
11 implementation of effective career education opportunities for  
12 all students, including students with disabilities and students  
13 who are at risk of dropping out;

14           E. coordinate the development of a state plan that  
15 ensures effective and efficient use of state and federal  
16 resources to support the delivery of career education to New  
17 Mexico students in collaboration with representatives of public  
18 and post-secondary education, business, industry, government  
19 agencies and other individuals involved in career education; and

20           F. collect data to evaluate the effectiveness of the  
21 career education opportunities programs based on student  
22 performance and program success indicators and report annually  
23 the findings and recommendations to the council and the state  
24 board. "

25           Section 5. A new section of the Public School Code is  
enacted to read:

          "[NEW MATERIAL] CAREER EDUCATION COORDINATING COUNCIL--  
CREATION-- APPOINTMENT-- MEMBERSHIP. --



1           A. The "career education coordinating council" is  
 2 created as an advisory to the executive, including the state  
 3 board, the commission on higher education and the legislature.  
 4 The council shall be appointed at the termination of the federal  
 5 school-to-work implementation grant or on July 1, 2001, whichever  
 6 is earlier, and shall be composed of fifteen members representing  
 7 different geographical areas of the state and reflecting the  
 8 diverse population of the state.

9           B. The president pro tempore of the senate shall  
 10 appoint two members from the senate, one from each of the two  
 11 major political parties, for terms of two years or less to  
 12 coincide with their terms of office.

13           C. The speaker of the house shall appoint two members  
 14 from the house of representatives, one from each of the two major  
 15 political parties, for terms of two years or less to coincide  
 16 with their terms of office.

17           D. The president of the state board shall appoint a  
 18 representative of the state board to a four-year term or until  
 19 his term of office expires.

20           E. The governor shall appoint a representative from  
 21 the governor's office to serve a four-year term.

22           F. Nine members shall be appointed jointly by the  
 23 governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, the  
 24 president pro tempore of the senate and the president of the  
 25 state board as follows:

(1) one representative of the division for a  
 four-year term;

(2) one representative of the job training

1 division of the labor department for a four-year term;

2 (3) one representative of the vocational  
3 rehabilitation division of the department for a four-year term;

4 (4) one representative of a two-year post-  
5 secondary educational institution for a four-year term;

6 (5) one representative of organized labor for a  
7 four-year term;

8 (6) two representatives of the private sector  
9 for four-year terms; and

10 (7) two representatives from public schools, to  
11 include an administrator and a teacher, for four-year terms."

12 Section 6. A new section of the Public School Code is  
13 enacted to read:

14 "[NEW MATERIAL] COUNCIL--PURPOSE AND DUTIES.--The council  
15 shall:

16 A. review and approve the annual plan of the  
17 department that pertains to employment training, employment  
18 related education and work experience opportunities that affect  
19 public school students;

20 B. coordinate any activities of other state agencies  
21 that pertain to employment training, employment related education  
22 and work experience opportunities that affect public school  
23 students;

24 C. review and approve the department's state  
25 strategic plan that ensures effective and efficient use of state  
and federal resources to support the effective delivery of career  
education to New Mexico students;

D. advise the department and the state board on the

1 implementation of the provisions of the Career Education  
2 Opportunities in Work Force Development Act;

3 E. make recommendations to the state board, the  
4 legislative education study committee, the legislative finance  
5 committee and the executive on the coordination of federal and  
6 state work force education funds and career education  
7 opportunities for New Mexico students; and

8 F. develop a method of evaluating the effectiveness  
9 of the state career education opportunities system. "

10 Section 7. A new section of the Public School Code is  
11 enacted to read:

12 "[NEW MATERIAL] STAFFING.--In order to carry out its  
13 function, the council may:

14 A. use department funds available for state councils  
15 under applicable career education related programs; and

16 B. be staffed by division employees. "

17 Section 8. A new section of the Public School Code is  
18 enacted to read:

19 "[NEW MATERIAL] ANNUAL REPORTS.--The department shall submit  
20 annually to the legislative education study committee a report  
21 regarding the status of career education in New Mexico schools,  
22 an assessment of statewide needs relating to the provision of  
23 career education for all students and an evaluation of career  
24 education documenting the benefits of the program based on  
25 established performance standards. Commencing July 1, 2001, the  
department shall submit annually to the council a report  
regarding the status of career education. "

Section 9. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the

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1 provisions of this act is July 1, 1998.

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7 Mr. Speaker:

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9 Your APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE, to whom  
10 has been referred

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14 has had it under consideration and reports same with  
15 recommendation that it DO PASS, amended as follows:

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17 1. On pages 4 and 5, strike Subsection E in its entirety and  
18 insert in lieu thereof:

19 "E. coordinate statewide planning efforts, in collaboration  
20 with regional area school-to-work partnerships, including  
21 representatives of public post-secondary education, business,  
22 industry, government agencies and others involved in career education  
23 and work force development to ensure effective and efficient use of  
24 state and federal resources to sustain the school-to-work system  
25 beyond the federal grant period and meet the career guidance  
requirements;".

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2. On page 5, line 8, strike the period and insert in lieu thereof "; and".

3. On page 5, between lines 8 and 9, insert:

"G. through the accreditation process, monitor public school compliance with the requirements of the Career Education Opportunities in Work Force Development Act and provide technical assistance to school districts whose education program does not meet the career education requirements."

4. On page 8, line 22, strike "1998" and insert in lieu thereof "2001".

Respectfully submitted,

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Max Coll, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 9 For 5 Against

Yes: 9

No: Bird, Buffett, Pearce, Townsend, Wallace,

Excused: Heaton, Knowles, Taylor, J.P., Varela

Absent: None

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Mr. President:

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Your EDUCATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation  
that it DO PASS.

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Cynthia Nava, Chairman

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Excused: Boitano, Duran, Gorham, Rawson

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Absent: None

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