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HOUSE BILL 303

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

INTRODUCED BY

JAMES G. TAYLOR

AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A PILOT PROJECT TO MONITOR PUBLIC  
SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

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

Section 1. APPROPRIATION. --

A. One hundred seventy-five thousand dollars  
(\$175,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the  
attorney general's office for expenditure in fiscal year 1999  
to conduct a pilot project to monitor mandatory attendance in  
the public schools of the south region of the Albuquerque  
public school district. Any unexpended or unencumbered  
balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 1999 shall revert  
to the general fund.

B. The attorney general's office shall receive  
attendance reports from the public schools in the south region

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1 of the Albuquerque public school district and shall monitor  
2 attendance of the students. The attorney general's office  
3 shall write the parent or guardian of each student with poor  
4 attendance, notifying the parent or guardian that the student  
5 may be at risk of failing or dropping out of school due to  
6 poor attendance and that the school is expecting the parent or  
7 guardian to make an appointment to discuss problems the  
8 student may be having. The attorney general's office shall  
9 monitor the student, his family and the school to ensure that  
10 resources are being applied to minimize the student's risk of  
11 dropping out.

12 C. In conducting the pilot project, the attorney  
13 general shall work closely with the Albuquerque public  
14 schools, the children, youth and families department and the  
15 state department of public education.

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8 Mr. Speaker:

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10 Your JUDICIARY 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 PASS, amended as follows:

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17 1. On page 2, line 15, strike the period and insert in  
18 lieu  
19 thereof "and report its findings to the legislature before  
20 August 1, 1999.".,

21 and thence referred to the EDUCATION COMMITTEE.  
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Respectfully submitted,

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Thomas P. Foy, Chairman

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

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Not Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

The roll call vote was 8 For 1 Against

Yes: 8

No: Mallory

Excused: King, Pederson, Sanchez, Stewart

Absent: None

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