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SENATE BILL 42

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

INTRODUCED BY

LINDA M LOPEZ

FOR THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; ENACTING THE PROFESSIONAL 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 "Professional Development Act". "

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

"[NEW MATERIAL] PURPOSE OF ACT.--It is the purpose of  
the Professional Development Act to:

A. establish a framework for professional  
development within the department of education to facilitate  
statewide planning and adoption of professional development

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1 programs in school districts to ensure that New Mexico public  
2 schools have a quality work force;

3 B. provide school personnel with a variety of  
4 professional development opportunities and ongoing support to  
5 ensure integration of effective teaching strategies, learning  
6 technologies and use of resources in the educational process  
7 to enhance student learning and performance; and

8 C. establish a funding mechanism that supports the  
9 development of an effective school personnel work force for  
10 the benefit of public school students in New Mexico."

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

13 "[NEW MATERIAL] STATE BOARD DUTIES--PROFESSIONAL  
14 DEVELOPMENT PLANS.--The state board shall:

15 A. administer the provisions of the Professional  
16 Development Act;

17 B. develop and adopt, in cooperation with local  
18 school boards and their communities, a professional  
19 development framework with criteria for schools and local  
20 school boards to use in creating plans for professional  
21 development consistent with school, local school board, state  
22 and national goals that will enhance student achievement and  
23 performance;

24 C. assist schools and local school boards to  
25 develop a comprehensive plan based on the state board's

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1 planning framework;

2 D. develop and administer a process for the review  
3 and approval of local school boards' professional development  
4 plans; and

5 E. distribute funds to local school boards upon  
6 approval of each local school board's professional development  
7 plan as addressed in its educational plan for student  
8 success. "

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

11 "[NEW MATERIAL] LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS--PROFESSIONAL  
12 DEVELOPMENT PLANS. --

13 A. A local school board shall adopt and implement  
14 a professional development plan for its administrators,  
15 teachers and other personnel employed by the district. The  
16 professional development plan shall be updated annually to  
17 ensure that the proposed plan is consistent with national,  
18 state and the local school board's goals and objectives.

19 B. Each local school board shall submit a proposed  
20 professional development plan to the state board that meets  
21 state board professional development guidelines and standards.

22 C. Proposed professional development plans shall:

23 (1) be developed in collaboration with  
24 certified and noncertified school personnel;

25 (2) show evidence of how the plans will

1 enhance student academic achievement and support the  
2 attainment of local school board, state and national goals;  
3 and

4 (3) include a parent and community  
5 involvement component and appropriate evaluation procedures.

6 D. Proposed professional development plans shall  
7 be designed to respond to local needs and may include the  
8 following:

9 (1) standards-based academic educational  
10 reform innovations that will assist in the attainment of  
11 national and state educational goals and content standards,  
12 with benchmarks and supporting assessment practices;

13 (2) knowledge and skills to assist teachers  
14 in meeting the individual needs of students, the needs of  
15 limited language-proficient students and the complex  
16 challenges encountered in the classroom;

17 (3) knowledge and skills to assist in the use  
18 of technology in education and technology applications that  
19 will enhance student learning and professional development,  
20 such as technology-enhanced curricula and instruction and  
21 administrative resources and services for the public schools;

22 (4) professional development activities to  
23 assist teachers in preparing for national certification  
24 through the national board for professional teaching  
25 standards;

1 (5) career ladder programs for educational  
2 assistants and noncertified school employees to improve job-  
3 related skills; and

4 (6) methods to successfully implement  
5 inclusion, transition and unified systems to meet the local  
6 needs of all students with developmental disabilities. "

7 Section 5. APPROPRIATION. -- Four million five hundred  
8 thousand dollars (\$4,500,000) is appropriated from the general  
9 fund to the state department of public education for  
10 expenditure in fiscal years 1999 and 2000 for the purpose of  
11 making distributions on a per unit basis to school districts  
12 to implement approved professional development plans. Any  
13 unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of  
14 fiscal year 2000 shall revert to the general fund.

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8 Mr. President:  
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10 Your COMMITTEES' COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred  
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14 has had it under consideration and finds same to be GERMANE, in  
15 accordance with constitutional provisions, and thence referred to  
16 the EDUCATION COMMITTEE.  
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19 Respectfully submitted,  
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Manny M. Aragon, Chairman

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Mr. President:

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, amended as follows:

1. On page 2, line 19, after "school" insert ", school districts".
2. On page 2, line 21, after "school," insert "school districts,".
3. On page 3, line 3, strike "local school boards'" and insert "each school district's".
4. On page 3, line 6, strike "school board's" and insert "school



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district's".

5. On page 3, line 18, after "board's" insert "and district's".

6. On page 5, line 6, strike "developmental".,

and thence referred to the FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cynthia Nava, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 5 For 2 Against

Yes: 5

No: Gorham, Rawson

Excused: Boitano, Duran, Rodriguez

Absent: None

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