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SENATE BILL 197

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

INTRODUCED BY

RICHARD M. ROMERO

AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS; CREATING A STUDENT ATTENDANCE
OVERSIGHT TASK FORCE.

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

Section 1. STUDENT ATTENDANCE OVERSIGHT TASK FORCE--
CREATION--TERMINATION.--The "student attendance oversight task
force" is created. The task force shall function from the
date of its appointment until the first day of December prior
to the first session of the forty-fourth legislature.

Section 2. MEMBERSHIP--APPOINTMENT--VACANCIES.--

A. The student attendance oversight task force
shall be composed of six legislative members; six public
advisory members, two of whom shall be graduates of or current
students at an alternative high school in the state; and one
representative from the state department of public education.

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1 B. Three members of the house of representatives
2 shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of
3 representatives and three members of the senate shall be
4 appointed by the committees' committee of the senate or, if
5 the senate appointments are made in the interim, by the
6 president pro tempore of the senate after consultation with
7 and the agreement of a majority of the members of the
8 committees' committee. Members shall be appointed from each
9 house so as to give the two major political parties in each
10 house the same proportional representation on the task force
11 as prevails in each house; however, in no event shall either
12 party have less than one member from each house on the task
13 force. Vacancies on the task force shall be filled by
14 appointment in the same manner as the original appointments.

15 C. So as to represent the state's ethnic and
16 geographic diversity, six public advisory members shall be
17 appointed to the task force by the speaker of the house of
18 representatives and three public advisory members shall be
19 appointed to the task force by the president pro tempore of
20 the senate.

21 D. The members of the task force shall be paid per
22 diem and mileage in accordance with the provisions of the Per
23 Diem and Mileage Act plus reimbursement for reasonable actual
24 expenses.

25 E. The task force shall also include one advisory

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1 member representing the state department of public education
2 appointed by the president of the state board of education.

3 F. The speaker of the house of representatives and
4 the president pro tempore of the senate shall each designate
5 one co-chairman of the task force.

6 Section 3. DUTIES.--

7 A. After its appointment, the student attendance
8 oversight task force shall hold one organizational meeting to
9 develop a work plan and budget for the ensuing interim. The
10 work plan and budget shall be submitted to the New Mexico
11 legislative council for approval.

12 B. Upon approval of the work plan and budget by
13 the legislative council, the task force shall oversee the
14 implementation of the legislative directives relating to the
15 student attendance and graduation, including development of a
16 method to allocate the funds which each school district
17 receives under the state equalization guarantee to create
18 incentives to improve the student attendance and graduation
19 rate.

20 C. The task force shall recommend legislation or
21 changes if any are found to be necessary to the legislature.

22 Section 4. REPORT.--The student attendance oversight
23 task force shall make a report of its findings and
24 recommendations for the consideration of the first session of
25 the forty-fourth legislature. The reports and suggested

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1 legislation shall be made available to the New Mexico
2 legislative council on or before November 1 preceding the
3 session.

4 Section 5. STAFF.--The staff for the student attendance
5 oversight task force shall be provided by the legislative
6 council service.

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6 January 31, 1998
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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 the
16 EDUCATION COMMITTEE.
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19 Respectfully submitted,
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Manny M. Aragon, Chairman

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FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

SB 197/a

SECOND SESSION, 1998

February 11, 1998

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 16, strike "six" and insert "three".,

and thence referred to the FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Nava, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 5 For 2 Against

Yes: 5

No: Boitano, Rawson

Excused: Duran, Garcia, Gorham

Absent: None

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SECOND SESSION, 1998

February 18, 1998

Mr. President:

Your FINANCE 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 1, line 22, before "public" strike "six" and insert
in lieu thereof "three".

2. On page 1, lines 23 and 24, strike "two of whom shall be
graduates of or current students at an alternative high school" and
insert in lieu thereof "one of whom shall be a graduate of or current
student at an alternative high school and one of whom shall be a
graduate of or current student at a public high school".

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3. On page 2, line 17, strike "speaker of the house of" and
insert in lieu thereof "governor".

4. On page 2, strike lines 18 through 20 up to the period.

Respectfully submitted,

Ben D. Altamirano, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against

Yes: 6

No: None

Excused: Carraro, Eisenstadt, Ingle, Lyons, McKibben

Absent: None

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