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SENATE BILL 251

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

INTRODUCED BY

TIMOTHY Z. JENNINGS

AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; PROVIDING FOR A TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP A STATEWIDE DISTANCE EDUCATION INITIATIVE TO ENHANCE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND WORK FORCE TRAINING FOR WELFARE RECIPIENTS AND OTHERS; PROVIDING POWERS AND DUTIES FOR THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION; MAKING APPROPRIATIONS.

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

Section 1. DISTANCE EDUCATION--WORK FORCE TRAINING--  
COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION DUTIES--TASK FORCE. --

A. The ~~commission~~ on higher education shall coordinate a statewide distance education initiative, including vocational education, to enhance work force training for welfare recipients and others, including paying the cost of connecting post-secondary educational institutions around the state through the emergency access fiber optic line of the

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1 national guard armories.

2 B. The commission shall establish a task force  
3 made up of representatives from:

- 4 (1) state and local armory boards;
- 5 (2) the economic development department;
- 6 (3) the labor department;
- 7 (4) the state department of public education;
- 8 (5) the human services department;
- 9 (6) business and industry around the state;

10 and

- 11 (7) post-secondary educational institutions.

12 C. The task force shall assist the commission by:

- 13 (1) identifying career opportunities in  
14 different areas of the state;
- 15 (2) identifying what kind of education is  
16 needed in those areas and designing courses to fit area needs;

17 and

- 18 (3) determining the best methods of  
19 delivering distance education in the most efficient and cost-  
20 effective manner.

21 D. The task force shall develop and the commission  
22 shall implement a vocational education program to meet the  
23 work activity needs of welfare recipients in accordance with  
24 state and federal law.

25 E. The commission shall study the cost of

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1 providing national guard members scholarships for distance  
2 education programs developed pursuant to this section as an  
3 incentive for local armories to participate in the program  
4 through the use of the emergency access fiber optic line.

5 F. The commission and the task force may evaluate  
6 the participation of public schools in the distance education  
7 initiative.

8 Section 2. APPROPRIATIONS. --

9 A. Three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) is  
10 appropriated from the general fund to the commission on higher  
11 education for expenditure in fiscal years 1999 and 2000 to  
12 carry out the provisions of Section 1 of this act, including  
13 connecting post-secondary educational institutions around the  
14 state through the emergency access fiber optic line of the  
15 national guard armories. Any unexpended or unencumbered  
16 balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2000 shall revert  
17 to the general fund.

18 B. Three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) is  
19 appropriated from the general fund to the department of  
20 military affairs for expenditure in fiscal years 1999 and 2000  
21 to connect post-secondary educational institutions around the  
22 state through the emergency access fiber optic line of the  
23 national guard armories. Any unexpended or unencumbered  
24 balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2000 shall revert  
25 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 the  
16 EDUCATION COMMITTEE.  
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19 Respectfully submitted,  
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Manny M. Aragon, Chairman

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7 Mr. President:

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9 Your EDUCATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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13 has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation  
14 that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the FINANCE COMMITTEE.

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Yes: 6

No: 0

Excused: Duran, Garcia, Gorham, Maloof

Absent: None

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8 Mr. President:

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10 Your FINANCE COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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23 Ben D. Altamirano, Chairman  
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Yes: 6

No: None

Excused: Carraro, Eisenstadt, Ingle, Lyons, McKibben

Absent: None

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8 Mr. Speaker:  
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10 Your APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE, to whom has  
11 been referred  
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16 recommendation that it DO PASS.

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10 Yes: 12

11 Excused: Bird, Buffett, Marquardt, Pearce, Picraux, Watchman

12 Absent: None

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