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HOUSE BILL 242

44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999

INTRODUCED BY

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FOR THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; ALLOWING ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS TO BE
ELIGIBLE FOR SIZE ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM UNITS; MAKING AN
APPROPRIATION.

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

Section 1. Section 22-8-23 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1975,
Chapter 119, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

"22-8-23. SIZE ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM UNITS. --

A. An approved public school with a MEM of less
than ~~[400]~~ four hundred, including early childhood education
full-time-equivalent MEM but excluding membership in class C
and class D programs and excluding full-time-equivalent
membership in three- and four-year-old developmentally
disabled programs, is eligible for additional program units.
Separate schools established to provide special programs,

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1 including [~~but not limited to~~] vocational [~~and alternative~~]
2 education, shall not be classified as public schools for
3 purposes of generating size adjustment program units.
4 Alternative schools approved by the department shall be
5 eligible for size adjustment program units. The number of
6 additional program units to which a school district is
7 entitled under this subsection is the sum of elementary-junior
8 high units and senior high units computed in the following
9 manner:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Elementary- Junior High Units} \\ & \underline{200 - MEM} \times 1.0 \times MEM = \text{Units} \\ & 200 \end{aligned}$$

13 where MEM is equal to the membership of an approved elementary
14 or junior high school, including early childhood education
15 full-time-equivalent membership but excluding membership in
16 class C and class D programs and excluding full-time-
17 equivalent membership in three- and four-year-old
18 developmentally disabled programs;

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Senior High Units} \\ & \underline{200 - MEM} \times 2.0 \times MEM = \text{Units} \\ & 200 \end{aligned}$$

22 or,

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Senior High Units} \\ & \underline{400 - MEM} \times 1.6 \times MEM = \text{Units} \\ & 400 \end{aligned}$$

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1 whichever calculation for senior high units is higher, where
2 MEM is equal to the membership of an approved senior high
3 school excluding membership in class C and class D programs.

4 B. A school district with total MEM of less than
5 ~~[4,000]~~ four thousand, including early childhood education
6 full-time-equivalent MEM, is eligible for additional program
7 units. The number of additional program units to which a
8 district is entitled under this subsection is the number of
9 district units computed in the following manner:

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{District Units} \\ \hline 4,000 - \text{MEM} \times 0.15 \times \text{MEM} = \text{Units} \\ \hline 4,000 \end{array}$$

13 where MEM is equal to the total district membership,
14 including early childhood education full-time-equivalent
15 membership.

16 C. A school district with over ~~[10,000]~~ ten
17 thousand MEM with a ratio of MEM to senior high schools less
18 than ~~[4,000:1]~~ four thousand to one is eligible for additional
19 program units based on the number of approved regular senior
20 high schools that are not eligible for senior high units under
21 Subsection A of this section. The number of additional
22 program units to which an eligible school district is entitled
23 under this subsection is the number of units computed in the
24 following manner:

$$4,000 - \text{MEM} \times 0.50 = \text{Units}$$

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Senior High Schools

where MEM is equal to the total district membership, including early childhood education full-time-equivalent membership, and where senior high schools are equal to the number of approved regular senior high schools in the district. "

Section 2. APPROPRIATION. -- Five million three hundred thousand dollars (\$5,300,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the state department of public education for expenditure in fiscal year 2000 to fund additional program units generated by alternative schools size adjustment program units. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2000 shall revert to the general fund.

1 FORTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

2 FIRST SESSION, 1999

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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 PASS, and thence referred to the
16 APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.

17 Respectfully submitted,

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22 Rick Miera, Chairman
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The roll call vote was 10 For 3 Against

Yes: 10

No: Blanton, Dana, Williams

Excused: Hamilton, Knauer, Marquardt

Absent: None

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