HOUSE BILL 572

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

INTRODUCED BY

W. Ken Martinez

AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; CREATING THE DROPOUT PREVENTION PILOT PROGRAM; 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] TELEPHONES--NOTIFICATION OF PARENTS-- UNEXCUSED ABSENCES.--

A.   The department of education shall establish a dropout prevention pilot program at ten public high schools with the highest dropout rates.

B.   The dropout prevention pilot project shall run from July 1, 1999 through July 1, 2003.

C.   The department of education shall install a telephone in every classroom of each high school pursuant to

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1   Subsection A of this section.

2   D.   The high school principal of each high school

3   pursuant to Subsection A of this section shall provide each

4   teacher with the home and work phone numbers of the parent or

5   legal guardian of each student. If a student does not attend

6   class, then a teacher shall call his parent to notify him of

7   the absence.

8   E.   Every parent or legal guardian of any student

9   enrolled in one of the high schools pursuant to Subsection A

10   of this section shall provide to the principal both his work

11   and home telephone number.

12   F.   The department of education shall seek possible

13   private enterprise government partnerships with telephone

14   companies to minimize the cost of installing telephones.

15   G.   The department of education shall report to the

16   legislative education study committee on the changes in the

17   dropout rate in those participating schools by December 1 of

18   each year that the dropout prevention pilot project is

19   implemented."

20   Section 2.   APPROPRIATION.--Two hundred forty-six

21   thousand dollars ($246,000) is appropriated from the general

22   fund to the state department of public education for

23   expenditure in fiscal year 2000 for the purpose of installing

24   telephones in the classrooms of those high schools

25   participating in the dropout prevention pilot project.   Any

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1   unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of
2   fiscal year 2000 shall revert to the general fund.

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Mr. Speaker:

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**, and thence referred to the
APPROPRIATIONS & FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rick Miera, Chairman

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Yes: 16

Excused: None

Absent: None

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7 Mr. Speaker:

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9   Your **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE,** to

10 whom has been referred

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13 has had it under consideration and reports same with

14 recommendation that it **DO PASS**, amended as follows:

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16   1. On page 1, line 12, strike "; MAKING AN

17 APPROPRIATION".

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19   2. On pages 2 and 3, strike Section 2 in its entirety.

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Max Coll, Chairman

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Yes: 16

Excused: Watchman

Absent: None

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