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HOUSE BILL 864

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

INTRODUCED BY

Manuel Herrera

AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; REQUIRING TEACHING OF BASIC LITERACY
SKILLS IN GRADES ONE THROUGH THREE; REQUIRING CERTAIN TEACHER
CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.

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

Section 1. Section 22-2-8.3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1986,
Chapter 33, Section 4, as amended) is amended to read:

"22-2-8.3. SUBJECT AREAS- - MINIMUM INSTRUCTIONAL AREAS
REQUIRED- - ACCREDITATION. - -

A. The state board shall require instruction in
specific subject areas as provided in Subsections B through
[F] G of this section. Any public school or school district
failing to meet these minimum requirements shall not be
accredited by the state board.

B. All first and second grade classes shall

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1 provide daily instruction in language arts skills, including
2 phonics, and mathematics.

3 C. All third grade classes shall provide daily
4 instruction in language arts skills and mathematics.

5 D. All first, second and third grade classes shall
6 provide daily instruction in direct, systematic and intensive
7 phonics instruction, including:

8 (1) the twenty-six letters of the alphabet,
9 their forty-four sounds and seventy or more blends of letters
10 in a systematic manner from part to whole to a point of
11 complete familiarity; and

12 (2) by third grade level, a reading fluency
13 sufficient to allow reading an unfamiliar selection at their
14 grade level with better than ninety-five percent accuracy.

15 ~~[D.]~~ E. All fourth, fifth and sixth grade classes
16 shall provide instruction in language arts skills, with an
17 emphasis on writing and editing; mathematics; science; and
18 social studies, including geography. The following subject
19 areas shall be offered in the remaining instructional time:
20 art; music; physical education; health; and computer literacy,
21 including a general familiarization with computers and support
22 in the areas of mathematics and writing through word
23 processing.

24 ~~[E.]~~ F. All seventh grade classes shall provide
25 instruction in English, with an emphasis on grammar and

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1 writing; communication skills or science; New Mexico history
2 and geography; mathematics; and physical fitness. Remaining
3 instructional time may be used for electives listed in
4 Subsection ~~[G]~~ H of this section.

5 ~~[F-]~~ G. All eighth grade classes shall provide
6 instruction in English, mathematics, United States history and
7 science. Remaining instructional time may be used for
8 electives listed in Subsection ~~[G]~~ H of this section.

9 ~~[G-]~~ H. The electives authorized in Subsections ~~[E~~
10 ~~and]~~ F and G of this section are art, industrial arts, chorus,
11 band, home economics, typing, creative writing, speech, drama,
12 Spanish, computer literacy, American sign language and other
13 electives approved by the state board. "

14 Section 2. Section 22-2-8.7 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1986,
15 Chapter 33, Section 8, as amended) is amended to read:

16 "22-2-8.7. CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS. --

17 A. The state board shall require any person
18 seeking certification in elementary and secondary education to
19 complete the following minimum requirements in the college of
20 arts and sciences:

- 21 (1) twelve hours in English;
- 22 (2) twelve hours in history, including
23 American history and western civilization;
- 24 (3) six hours in mathematics;
- 25 (4) six hours in government, economics or

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1 sociology;

2 (5) twelve hours in science, including
3 biology, chemistry, physics, geology, zoology and botany;
4 [and]

5 (6) six hours in fine arts; and

6 (7) six hours in direct, systematic and
7 intensive phonics.

8 B. The state board shall require, prior to
9 certification, no less than fourteen weeks of student
10 teaching, a portion of which shall occur in the first thirty
11 credit hours taken in the college of education and shall be
12 under the direct supervision of a certified school instructor
13 and a portion of which shall occur in the student's senior
14 year with the student teacher being directly responsible for
15 the classroom.

16 C. Nothing in this section shall preclude the
17 state board from establishing or accepting equivalent
18 requirements for purposes of reciprocal certification or
19 minimum requirements for alternative certification.

20 ~~[D.—The requirements in Subsections A and B of~~
21 ~~this section shall apply to students first entering a college-~~
22 ~~or university beginning in the fall of 1986.—~~

23 E.] D. Vocational teacher preparatory programs may
24 be exempt from Subsections A and B of this section upon a
25 determination by the state board that other certification

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1 requirements are more appropriate for vocational teacher
2 preparatory programs. "

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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.
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17 Respectfully submitted,
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No: Beam, Stapleton

Excused: Gonzales, Miera, Williams

Absent: None

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March 16, 1999

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Mr. President:

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Cynthia Nava, Chairman

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Excused: Boitano, Garcia, Gorham

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SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENT number _____ to HOUSE BILL 864, as
amended

Amendment sponsored by Senator Cynthia Nava

1. On page 3, line 4, strike "H" and insert in lieu
thereof "F".

2. On page 3, line 8, strike "H" and insert in lieu
thereof "F".

3. On page 3, line 10, strike "F and G" and insert in lieu
thereof "D and E".

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