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FOR THE LEGI SLATI VE EDUCATI ON STUDY COMM TTEE

AN ACT
RELATI NG TO EDUCATI ON; ALLOW NG ALTERNATI VE SCHOOLS TO BE ELI Gl BLE FOR SI ZE ADJ USTMENT PROGRAM UNI TS; MAKI NG AN APPROPRI ATI ON.

BE I T ENACTED BY THE LEGI SLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXI CO: Section 1. Section 22-8-23 NMSA 1978 (bei ng Laws 1975, Chapter 119, Section 1 , as amended) is amended to read:
"22-8-23. SI ZE ADJ USTMENT PROGRAM UNI TS. --
A. An approved publ ic school with a MEM of less than 400, incl uding early childhood education full-timeequi val ent MEM but excl uding menber shi p in cl ass C and cl ass D programs and excl uding full-time-equi val ent membership in three- and four-year-old devel opment ally di sabled prograns, is el igible for additional programunits. Separate school s establ i shed to provi de speci al programs, including [ but not . 125652. 1

Himited to] vocational [ and alternative] education, shall not be classified as public schools for purposes of generating size adj ustment programunits. Alternative school s approved by the department shall be el i gi ble for size adjustment program units. The number of additional programunits to which a school district is entitled under this subsection is the sum of el ement ary-juni or high units and seni or high units computed in the following manner:

El ement ary-J uni or Hi gh Units
200 - MEM x $1.0 \times \mathrm{MEM}=$ Units
200
where MEM is equal to the menbership of an approved el ement ary or juni or hi gh school, incl uding early chil dhood education full-time-equi val ent membership but excl uding membership in cl ass C and class D prograns and excl uding full-timeequi val ent menbershi p in three- and four-year-ol d devel opmentally di sabled prograns;

Seni or Hi gh Units
200-MEM $\times 2.0 \times$ MEM $=$ Units
200

Seni or Hi gh Units
400 - MEM x $1.6 \times \mathrm{MEM}=$ Units
400
whi chever cal cul ation for seni or high units is hi gher, where . 125652. 1

MEM is equal to the membershi $p$ of an approved seni or high school excl uding membership in cl ass C and cl ass D programs.
B. A school district with total MEM of Iess than 4, 000, including early childhood education full-timeequi val ent MEM is eligible for additional programunits. The number of additional programunits to which a district is entitled under this subsection is the number of district units computed in the following manner:

## District Units

4000 - MEM x $0.15 \times \mathrm{MEM}=$ Units
4000
where MEM is equal to the total district membership, incl uding early chil dhood education full-time- equi val ent rember shi p.
C. A school district with over 10,000 MEM with a ratio of MEM to seni or high school s less than 4, 000: 1 is el igible for additional programunits based on the number of approved regul ar seni or high schools that are not el igi ble for seni or high units under Subsection $A$ of this section. The number of additional program units to which an eligi ble school district is entitled under this subsection is the number of units computed in the following manner:

4000 - MEM $\times 0.50=$ Units
Seni or Hi gh School s
where MEM is equal to the total district membership, including . 125652. 1
early childhood education full-time-equi val ent menber ship, and where seni or high school s are equal to the number of approved regul ar seni or high school s in the di strict."

Section 2. APPROPRI ATI ON. - Fi ve milli on three hundred thousand dollars $(\$ 5,300,000)$ is appropriated fromthe 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 adj ust ment program units. Any unexpended or unencumbered bal ance remai ning at the end of fiscal year 2000 shall revert to the general fund. - 4 -

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Mr. Presi dent:

Your EDUCATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with ecommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the FINANCE COMMITTEE.
Respectfully submitted,
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