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HOUSE BILL 24

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

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AN ACT

**RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE; AMENDING AND ENACTING
SECTIONS OF THE NMSA 1978 PERTAINING TO PROGRAM COST
CALCULATION; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

Section 1. Section 22-8-18 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1974,
Chapter 8, Section 8, as amended) is amended to read:

"22-8-18. PROGRAM COST CALCULATION--LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD
RESPONSIBILITY. --

A. The total program units for the purpose of
computing the program cost shall be calculated by multiplying
the sum of the program units itemized as Paragraphs (1)
through (4) ~~in~~ of this subsection by the instruction staff
training and experience index and adding the program units
itemized as Paragraphs (5) through ~~(8) in~~ (9) of this

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1 subsection. The itemized program units are as follows:
2 (1) early childhood education;
3 (2) basic education;
4 (3) special education, adjusted by
5 subtracting the units derived from membership in class D
6 special education programs in private, nonsectarian, nonprofit
7 training centers;
8 (4) bilingual multicultural education;
9 (5) size adjustment;
10 (6) at-risk program;
11 (7) enrollment growth or new district
12 adjustment; [~~and~~]
13 (8) special education units derived from
14 membership in class D special education programs in private,
15 nonsectarian, nonprofit training centers; and
16 (9) national board for professional teaching
17 standards certification.

18 B. The total program cost calculated as prescribed
19 in Subsection A of this section includes the cost of early
20 childhood, special, bilingual multicultural and vocational
21 education and other remedial or enrichment programs. It is
22 the responsibility of the local school board to determine its
23 priorities in terms of the needs of the community served by
24 that board. Funds generated under the Public School Finance
25 Act are discretionary to local school boards [~~provided that~~]

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1 if the special program needs as enumerated in this section are
2 met. "

3 Section 2. A new section of the Public School Finance
4 Act, Section 22-8-23.4 NMSA 1978, is enacted to read:

5 "22-8-23.4. [NEW MATERIAL] NATIONAL BOARD FOR
6 PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS--CERTIFIED TEACHERS PROGRAM
7 UNITS.--The number of program units for teachers certified by
8 the national board for professional teaching standards is
9 determined by multiplying by one and one-half the number of
10 certified school instructors who are also verified by the
11 department as certified by the national board for professional
12 teaching standards and employed by the school district on or
13 before the fortieth day of the school year. Department
14 approval of the program units shall be contingent on
15 verification by the school district that the teachers who are
16 certified by the national board for professional teaching
17 standards are receiving a one-time salary differential equal
18 to or greater than the amount generated by the program units
19 multiplied by the program unit value during the fiscal year in
20 which the school district will receive the units. "

21 Section 3. APPROPRIATION.--Two hundred fifty thousand
22 dollars (\$250,000) is appropriated from the general fund to
23 the state department of public education for expenditure in
24 fiscal year 2000 to provide teachers who are certified by the
25 national board for professional teaching standards with a one-

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

4 Section 4. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public
5 peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.

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