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HOUSE BILL 364

**50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2011**

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC EDUCATION; REQUIRING FINANCIAL LITERACY TO  
BE OFFERED AS AN ELECTIVE IN SIXTH THROUGH EIGHTH GRADES.

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

**SECTION 1.** Section 22-13-1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2003,  
Chapter 153, Section 57, as amended) is amended to read:

"22-13-1. SUBJECT AREAS--MINIMUM INSTRUCTIONAL AREAS  
REQUIRED--ACCREDITATION.--

A. The department shall require public schools to  
address department-approved academic content and performance  
standards when instructing in specific department-required  
subject areas as provided in this section. A public school or  
school district failing to meet these minimum requirements  
shall not be accredited by the department.

B. All kindergarten through third grade classes

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1 shall provide daily instruction in reading and language arts  
2 skills, including phonemic awareness, phonics and  
3 comprehension, and in mathematics. Students in kindergarten  
4 and first grades shall be screened and monitored for progress  
5 in reading and language arts skills and students in second  
6 grade shall take diagnostic tests on reading and language arts  
7 skills.

8 C. All first, second and third grade classes shall  
9 provide instruction in art, music and a language other than  
10 English, and instruction that meets content and performance  
11 standards shall be provided in science, social studies,  
12 physical education and health education.

13 D. In fourth through eighth grades, instruction  
14 that meets academic content and performance standards shall be  
15 provided in the following subject areas:

16 (1) reading and language arts skills, with an  
17 emphasis on writing and editing for at least one year and an  
18 emphasis on grammar and writing for at least one year;

19 (2) mathematics;

20 (3) language other than English;

21 (4) communication skills;

22 (5) science;

23 (6) art;

24 (7) music;

25 (8) social studies;

- 1 (9) New Mexico history;
- 2 (10) United States history;
- 3 (11) geography;
- 4 (12) physical education; and
- 5 (13) health education.

6 E. Beginning with the 2008-2009 school year, in  
7 eighth grade, algebra 1 shall be offered in regular classroom  
8 settings or through online courses or agreements with high  
9 schools.

10 F. In fourth through eighth grades, school  
11 districts shall offer electives that contribute to academic  
12 growth and skill development and provide career and technical  
13 education. In sixth through eighth grades, media literacy may  
14 be offered as an elective.

15 G. Beginning with the 2013-2014 school year, in  
16 sixth through eighth grades, financial literacy meeting  
17 academic content and performance standards shall be offered as  
18 an elective.

19 [~~G.~~] H. In ninth through twelfth grades,  
20 instruction that meets academic content and performance  
21 standards shall be provided in health education."