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HOUSE BILL 263

**57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2026**

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS; ENACTING A NEW SECTION OF THE  
MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE EDUCATION ACT; REQUIRING AUTOMATIC  
ENROLLMENT OF CERTAIN STUDENTS IN AVAILABLE ADVANCED  
MATHEMATICS COURSES; PROVIDING EXCEPTIONS TO AUTOMATIC  
ENROLLMENT; REQUIRING SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS TO  
REPORT ANNUALLY TO THE MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE BUREAU OF THE  
PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ON DATA, INCLUDING STUDENT  
PERFORMANCE IN MATHEMATICS AND ENROLLMENT IN ADVANCED  
MATHEMATICS COURSES; ASSIGNING DUTIES TO THE BUREAU AND THE  
DEPARTMENT.

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

**SECTION 1.** Section 22-15E-1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2007,  
Chapter 44, Section 1 and Laws 2007, Chapter 239, Section 1) is  
amended to read:

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1 "22-15E-1. SHORT TITLE.--~~[This act]~~ Chapter 22, Article  
2 15E NMSA 1978 may be cited as the "Mathematics and Science  
3 Education Act".

4 SECTION 2. A new section of the Mathematics and Science  
5 Education Act is enacted to read:

6 "[NEW MATERIAL] AUTOMATIC ENROLLMENT IN ADVANCED  
7 MATHEMATICS COURSES--EXCEPTIONS--REPORTING.--

8 A. A public school that provides advanced  
9 mathematics courses for sixth, seventh or eighth grade students  
10 shall automatically enroll a student in an available advanced  
11 mathematics course appropriate for the student's grade or  
12 abilities if the student:

13 (1) demonstrated the highest proficiency in  
14 grade-level mathematics on the most recent statewide  
15 assessment;

16 (2) demonstrated the highest proficiency in  
17 grade-level mathematics on an end-of-course exam or benchmark  
18 assessment administered by the student's school in the  
19 immediately preceding school year; or

20 (3) earned at least a letter grade of A or an  
21 equivalent in the mathematics course in which the student was  
22 most recently enrolled.

23 B. A public school is not required to automatically  
24 enroll a student in an advanced mathematics course pursuant to  
25 Subsection A of this section if the public school has notice of

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1 the student's parent's objection to the enrollment.

2 C. In addition to the requirements of Subsection A  
3 of this section, a public school shall otherwise enroll a  
4 student in an advanced mathematics course provided by the  
5 public school upon the request of the student or the student's  
6 parent.

7 D. Each school district and each charter school  
8 with students in sixth through eighth grade shall provide an  
9 annual report to the bureau on the following:

10 (1) the number of the school's students in  
11 sixth through eighth grade for the current school year,  
12 disaggregated by race, sex and family income, who are:

13 (a) eligible for automatic enrollment in  
14 an advanced mathematics course pursuant to Subsection A of this  
15 section;

16 (b) enrolled in an advanced mathematics  
17 course and whether the enrollment was automatic or upon the  
18 request of the student or the student's parent;

19 (c) eligible for automatic enrollment in  
20 an advanced mathematics course but are not enrolled because of  
21 the student's parent's objection; and

22 (d) eligible for automatic enrollment in  
23 an advanced mathematics course or who requested enrollment in  
24 an advanced mathematics course but did not enroll because a  
25 course was not available;

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1                   (2) the number of the school's students in  
2 sixth through eighth grade for the current school year who are  
3 not eligible for automatic enrollment in an advanced  
4 mathematics course pursuant to Subsection A of this section,  
5 but otherwise are enrolled in an advanced mathematics course,  
6 disaggregated by race, sex and family income;

7                   (3) the average score in grade-level  
8 mathematics on the statewide assessment or the end-of-year  
9 course exam or benchmark assessment and the average letter  
10 grade in mathematics for the students reported on pursuant to  
11 Paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection and for all other  
12 students enrolled in the school district or at the charter  
13 school, disaggregated by student grade level, race, sex and  
14 family income;

15                   (4) the advanced mathematics courses for  
16 sixth, seventh and eighth grade students that are available in  
17 the school district or at the charter school for the current  
18 school year; and

19                   (5) the resources, services or interventions  
20 provided by the school district or charter school to support  
21 student performance in mathematics and the number of students  
22 that received those resources, services or interventions in the  
23 current school year.

24                   E. The bureau shall compile the reports received  
25 pursuant to this section and publish the reports on the

1 department's website; provided that the published reports shall  
2 comply with state and federal law regarding confidentiality of  
3 personally identifiable information.

4 F. The department shall promulgate rules to  
5 implement the provisions of this section."

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