

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25

SENATE BILL 673

45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001

INTRODUCED BY

Pete Campos

AN ACT

**RELATING TO EDUCATION; EXPANDING THE READING AND WRITING
TESTING REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS IN THE ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE
AND JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADES.**

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

**Section 1. Section 22-2-8.5 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1986,
Chapter 33, Section 6, as amended) is amended to read:**

"22-2-8.5. ADDITIONAL STATEWIDE TESTING. --

**A. The state board shall expand the program of
educational accountability established through its educational
standards by adding reading assessments and writing production
tests to its existing uniform statewide system of assessment
to determine pupil status, progress and degree of achievement
of basic skills and of essential educational competencies.**

B. The department of education shall involve local

underscored material = new
[bracketed material] = delete

underscored material = new
[bracketed material] = delete

1 school district personnel, especially certified elementary
2 reading specialists, in the development of methods on a
3 statewide basis to measure student reading performance in
4 order to assist school districts in the assessment of student
5 problem areas in [~~the first and second grades~~] kindergarten
6 through third grade. The assessment shall provide a means of
7 demonstrating continuous progress in reading and diagnostic
8 information on phonics, phonemic awareness and comprehension.

9 C. The department of education shall involve local
10 school district personnel, especially certified school
11 instructors in the [~~fourth and sixth~~] elementary, middle or
12 junior high school grades, in the development or selection of
13 a uniform statewide writing production test for school
14 districts [~~which shall be administered in grades four and six~~]
15 to measure student writing performance in order to assist
16 school districts in the assessment of student problem areas.
17 The writing production test shall be administered to each
18 student, once when attending elementary school and once when
19 attending a middle or junior high school. "