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SENATE BILL 806

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

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; PLACING THE INDIAN EDUCATION DIVISION  
IN THE OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION;  
REQUIRING THE INDIAN EDUCATION DIVISION TO DEVELOP A PLAN AND  
IMPROVE THE RESULTS OF STATE EDUCATION OF INDIAN CHILDREN.

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

Section 1. Section 22-2-11 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1975  
(1st S.S.), Chapter 8, Section 1) is amended to read:

"22-2-11. INDIAN EDUCATION [~~SECTION~~] DIVISION CREATED--  
DUTIES. --

A. The "Indian education division" is created  
~~[within the state department of education]~~ and attached  
directly to the office of the state superintendent.

B. The budget of the Indian education division  
shall be set forth separately from all other divisions of the

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1 department of education.

2 C. The director of the Indian education division  
3 shall report directly to the state superintendent.

4 D. It is the duty of the Indian education division  
5 to identify impediments that Native American children face in  
6 obtaining their diplomas and develop a corrective action plan  
7 to correct the deficiencies that prevent the success of Native  
8 American children in public school.

9 E. The Indian education division shall develop  
10 intervention strategies that can be used by teachers and other  
11 school staff to prevent the failure of Native American  
12 students attending public schools.

13 F. The Indian education division shall establish  
14 performance measures that will enable evaluation of the  
15 corrective action plan and will help the department of  
16 education and the legislature determine the success of the  
17 strategies developed to improve the success of Native American  
18 students in public schools and improve the retention rate of  
19 Native American students in public schools. "