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SENATE BILL 92

45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2002

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE; CHANGING THE CALCULATION FOR DETERMINING ENROLLMENT GROWTH PROGRAM UNITS; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

Section 1. Section 22-8-23.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1990 (1st S.S.), Chapter 3, Section 7, as amended) is amended to read:

"22-8-23.1. ENROLLMENT GROWTH PROGRAM UNITS.--

A. A school district with an increase in MEM, when compared with the immediately preceding year, is eligible for additional program units. The number of additional program units shall be calculated as follows:

(Current Year MEM - Previous Year MEM) X Adjusted
Average Units Per MEM = Units.

B. In addition to the units calculated in Subsection A of this section, a school district with an increase in MEM equal to or greater than one percent, when compared with the immediately preceding year, is eligible for

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1 additional program units. The increase in MEM shall be
2 calculated in the following manner:

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$$\frac{(\text{Current Year MEM} - \text{Previous Year MEM})}{\text{Previous Year MEM}} \times 100 = \text{Percent Increase.}$$

4 The number of additional program units to which an eligible
5 school district is entitled under this subsection is the
6 number of units computed in the following manner:

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$$((\text{Current Year MEM} [\text{for current year}] - \text{Previous Year}$$

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$$\text{MEM} [\text{for prior year}]) - (\text{Previous Year MEM} \times .01)) \times .50 = \text{Units}$$

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$$[\text{where MEM is equal to the total district membership,}$$

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$$\text{including early childhood education full-time equivalent}$$

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$$\text{membership and special education membership}].$$

12 C. As used in this section:

13 (1) "adjusted average units per MEM" means
14 the statewide average number of units per current year MEM,
15 excluding the units that are attributable to projected growth;

16 (2) "current year MEM" means MEM on the
17 fortieth day of the current year;

18 (3) "MEM" means the total school district
19 membership, including early childhood education full-time
20 equivalent membership and special education membership, but
21 excluding full-day kindergarten membership for the first year
22 that full-day kindergarten is implemented in a school pursuant
23 to Subsection D of Section 22-2-19 NMSA 1978; and

24 (4) "previous year MEM" means MEM on the
25 fortieth day of the previous year."

Section 2. APPROPRIATION.--Nine million five hundred
thousand dollars (\$9,500,000) is appropriated from the general
fund to the state department of public education for
expenditure in fiscal year 2003 to fund the increase in

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1 enrollment growth program units for school districts. Any
2 unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of
3 fiscal year 2003 shall revert to the general fund.

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