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46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE; CHANGING HOW PROGRAM COST IS
CALCULATED USING THE INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF TRAINING AND
EXPERIENCE INDEX.

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

Section 1. Section 22-8-18 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1974,
Chapter 8, Section 8, as amended) is amended to read:

"22-8-18. PROGRAM COST CALCULATION--LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD
RESPONSIBILITY. --

A. The total program units for the purpose of
computing the program cost shall be calculated by [~~multiplying~~]
~~adding~~ the sum of the program units itemized [~~as Paragraphs (1)~~
~~through (4)~~] in this subsection [~~by~~] and the [~~instruction~~]
instructional staff training and experience index [~~and adding~~
~~the program units itemized as Paragraphs (5) through (8) in~~

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1 ~~this subsection~~]. The itemized program units are as follows:

- 2 (1) early childhood education;
- 3 (2) basic education;
- 4 (3) special education, adjusted by subtracting
5 the units derived from membership in class D special education
6 programs in private, nonsectarian, nonprofit training centers;
- 7 (4) bilingual multicultural education;
- 8 (5) size adjustment;
- 9 (6) at-risk program;
- 10 (7) enrollment growth or new district
11 adjustment; and
- 12 (8) special education units derived from
13 membership in class D special education programs in private,
14 nonsectarian, nonprofit training centers.

15 B. The total program cost calculated as prescribed
16 in Subsection A of this section includes the cost of early
17 childhood, special, bilingual multicultural and vocational
18 education and other remedial or enrichment programs. It is the
19 responsibility of the local school board to determine its
20 priorities in terms of the needs of the community served by
21 that board. Funds generated under the Public School Finance
22 Act are discretionary to local school boards, provided that the
23 special program needs as enumerated in this section are met."

24 Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. --The effective date of the
25 provisions of this act is July 1, 2003.

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