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HOUSE BILL 62
46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2004
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FOR THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE

AN ACT
RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE; INCLUDING NATIONAL BOARD
CERTIFICATION IN THE PROGRAM COST CALCULATION.

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 by Laws 2003, Chapter 144, Section 1 and by Laws 2003, Chapter 152, Section 7) 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 the sum of the program units itemized as Paragraphs (1) through (5) in this subsection by the instructional staff training and experience index and adding the program units itemized as

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1 Paragraphs (6) through [~~(9)~~] (10) in this subsection. The
2 itemized program units are as follows:

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

19 B. The total program cost calculated as prescribed
20 in Subsection A of this section includes the cost of early
21 childhood, special, bilingual multicultural, fine arts and
22 vocational education and other remedial or enrichment programs.
23 It is the responsibility of the local school board to determine
24 its priorities in terms of the needs of the community served by
25 that board. Funds generated under the Public School Finance

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Act are discretionary to local school boards, provided that the special program needs as enumerated in this section are met."