SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 15

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO IMPLEMENT AND MAINTAIN NEEDED EDUCATIONAL REFORMS BY INCREASING DISTRIBUTIONS FROM THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND TO EMPLOY ADDITIONAL TEACHERS AS A PILOT PROJECT IN TWO PUBLIC SCHOOL CLUSTERS.

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

Section 1. It is proposed to amend Article 12, Section 7 of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

"A. As used in this section, "fund" means the permanent school fund described in Section 2 of this article and all other permanent funds derived from lands granted or confirmed to the state by the act of congress of June 20, 1910, entitled "An act to enable the people of New Mexico to form a constitution and state government and be admitted into the

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union on an equal footing with the original states."

- B. The fund shall be invested by the state investment officer in accordance with policy regulations promulgated by the state investment council.
- C. In making investments, the state investment officer, under the supervision of the state investment council, shall exercise the judgment and care under the circumstances then prevailing that businessmen of ordinary prudence, discretion and intelligence exercise in the management of their own affairs not in regard to speculation but in regard to the permanent disposition of their funds, considering the probable income as well as the probable safety of their capital.
- D. The legislature may establish criteria for investing the fund if the criteria are enacted by a three-fourths vote of the members elected to each house, but investment of the fund is subject to the following restrictions:
- (1) not more than sixty-five percent of the book value of the fund shall be invested at any given time in corporate stocks;
- (2) not more than ten percent of the voting stock of a corporation shall be held;
- (3) stocks eligible for purchase shall be restricted to those stocks of businesses listed upon a national stock exchange or included in a nationally recognized list of .155659.2

stocks; and

- (4) not more than fifteen percent of the book value of the fund may be invested in international securities at any single time.
- E. All additions to the fund and all earnings, including interest, dividends and capital gains from investment of the fund shall be credited to the fund.
- F. Except as provided in Subsection G of this section, the annual distributions from the fund shall be five percent of the average of the year-end market values of the fund for the immediately preceding five calendar years.
- G. In addition to the annual distribution made pursuant to Subsection F of this section, unless suspended pursuant to Subsection H of this section, [an] additional annual [distribution] distributions shall be made pursuant to the following schedule; provided that no distribution shall be made pursuant to the provisions of this subsection in any fiscal year if the average of the year-end market values of the fund for the immediately preceding five calendar years is less than five billion eight hundred million dollars (\$5,800,000,000):
- (1) in fiscal years 2005 through 2012, an amount equal to eight-tenths percent of the average of the year-end market values of the fund for the immediately preceding five calendar years; provided that any additional . 155659.2

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distribution from the permanent school fund pursuant to this paragraph shall be used to implement and maintain educational reforms provided by law; [and]

(2) in fiscal years 2007 through 2012 a distribution from the permanent school fund shall be made directly to the Albuquerque public school district to initiate a pilot project at the Manzano high school cluster and the Highland high school cluster to ensure compliance with the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 and to ensure that children of Kirtland air force base personnel are adequately educated to satisfy the education requirement of the federal base realignment and closure plans. At a minimum, the distribution shall be sufficient to double the number of teachers at each cluster above the level in the 2004-2005 school year. No later than November 30, 2006 and June 1 of each subsequent year, the secretary of public education shall certify the amount to be distributed pursuant to this paragraph. A distribution pursuant to this paragraph shall be in addition to any distribution to the Albuquerque public school district for the Manzano and Highland high school clusters through the state equalization guarantee distribution; and

 $\left[\frac{(2)}{(2)}\right]$ (3) in fiscal years 2013 through 2016, an amount equal to one-half percent of the average of the year-end market values of the fund for the immediately . 155659. 2

preceding five calendar years; provided that any additional distribution from the permanent school fund pursuant to this paragraph shall be used to implement and maintain educational reforms as provided by law.

H. The legislature, by a three-fifths' vote of the members elected to each house, may suspend any additional distribution provided for in Subsection G of this section."

Section 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be submitted to the people for their approval or rejection at the next general election or at any special election prior to that date that may be called for that purpose.

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