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AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; MAKING CERTAIN MILITARY DEPENDENTS OF  
NEW MEXICO RESIDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR STATE-FUNDED FINANCIAL AID;  
PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A NEW MEXICO HIGH SCHOOL  
DIPLOMA TO CERTAIN MILITARY DEPENDENTS.

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

Section 1. A new section of the Public School Code is  
enacted to read:

"HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA--RESIDENT MILITARY DEPENDENTS.--

A. A New Mexico resident high school student who  
is required to move out of state because the student's parent  
is a member of the New Mexico national guard or a branch of  
the armed forces of the United States and the parent is  
transferred to an out-of-state location may receive a New  
Mexico high school diploma under the following conditions:

(1) the student was a New Mexico resident  
and was regularly enrolled in a New Mexico high school prior  
to the parent being transferred to an out-of-state location;

(2) the student's parent notified the school  
district of the move and that the parent and student were  
retaining their New Mexico residency;

(3) the student transferred to and  
immediately enrolled in a high school at the new location and  
received high school credits that meet or exceed New Mexico's

1 requirements for graduation; and

2 (4) the student has not graduated from high  
3 school or received a diploma, general educational development  
4 certificate or any other certification of high school  
5 completion or its equivalent.

6 B. A student who meets the conditions of  
7 Subsection A of this section may request the New Mexico  
8 school district from which the student transferred to grant a  
9 high school diploma. The student shall include with the  
10 request for a New Mexico high school diploma:

11 (1) certification by the parent, and the  
12 student if over the age of eighteen, that the parent and  
13 student maintained their New Mexico residency;

14 (2) a transcript from the high school the  
15 student attended and a description of the course units to be  
16 transferred; and

17 (3) any other information the school  
18 district requires to review the request.

19 C. The school district shall review the student's  
20 high school transcript from the school the student transferred  
21 to and determine if the courses and grades meet or exceed New  
22 Mexico's requirements for graduation. If the transcript meets  
23 New Mexico standards, the school district shall grant the  
24 student a high school diploma." \_\_\_\_\_