

AN ACT

RELATING TO SCHOOL PERSONNEL; INCREASING THE MATHEMATICS
REQUIREMENT FOR PERSONS SEEKING LICENSURE OR RECIPROCITY IN
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION.

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

Section 1. Section 22-10A-6 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1986,
Chapter 33, Section 8, as amended) is amended to read:

"22-10A-6. EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE.--

A. The department shall require a person seeking
licensure or reciprocity in elementary or secondary education
to have completed the following minimum requirements in the
college of arts and sciences:

- (1) twelve hours in English;
- (2) twelve hours in history, including
American history and western civilization;
- (3) nine hours in mathematics for elementary
education and six hours in mathematics for secondary
education;
- (4) six hours in government, economics or
sociology;
- (5) twelve hours in science, including
biology, chemistry, physics, geology, zoology and botany; and
- (6) six hours in fine arts.

B. In addition to the requirements specified in Subsections A and C of this section, the department shall require that a person seeking standard or alternative elementary licensure shall have completed six hours of reading courses, and a person seeking standard or alternative secondary licensure shall have completed three hours of reading courses in subject matter content. The department shall establish requirements that provide a reasonable period of time to comply with the provisions of this subsection.

C. Except for licensure by reciprocity, the department shall require, prior to initial licensure, no less than fourteen weeks of student teaching, a portion of which shall occur in the first thirty credit hours taken in the college of education and shall be under the direct supervision of a teacher and a portion of which shall occur in the student's senior year with the student teacher being directly responsible for the classroom.

D. Nothing in this section shall preclude the department from establishing or accepting equivalent requirements for purposes of reciprocal licensure or minimum requirements for alternative licensure.

E. Vocational teacher preparatory programs may be exempt from Subsections A through C of this section upon a determination by the department that other licensure requirements are more appropriate for vocational teacher

preparatory programs."