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HOUSE BILL 41

**49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SPECIAL SESSION, 2009**

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS; REQUIRING A LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD TO  
CREATE COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES IN A LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
MAINTENANCE PROGRAM IN EXCHANGE FOR ACADEMIC CREDIT OR ACCESS  
TO A GENERAL EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE  
THREATENED WITH SUSPENSION OR WHO HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED.

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:

"NEW MATERIAL COMMUNITY SERVICE.--

A. A local school board shall create community  
service options in a local government maintenance program in  
exchange for academic credit or access to a general equivalency  
diploma.

B. A student threatened with suspension or a

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1 student who has been suspended shall be eligible for the  
2 community service program.

3 C. The community service opportunity shall be  
4 focused on providing maintenance in facilities or parks likely  
5 to be neglected as a result of state budget cuts."

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