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SENATE BILL 187

50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2012

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AN ACT

RELATING TO EXECUTIVE ORGANIZATION; ELIMINATING THE OFFICE OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT BOARD; ASSIGNING CERTAIN DUTIES TO THE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES DEPARTMENT; AMENDING AND REPEALING SECTIONS OF THE NMSA 1978.

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

SECTION 1. Section 22-8-19.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1992, Chapter 83, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

"22-8-19.1. PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS--SELECTED DISTRICTS.--

A. The children, youth and families department shall fund preschool programs for zero- to five-year-old children in selected school districts. The children, youth and families department [~~through the office of child development~~] shall distribute any appropriation for this purpose to local entities upon approval by [~~the children, youth and families~~]

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1 that department of an application from an individual school
2 district or community-based early childhood education program.
3 The preschool programs shall collaborate, where possible, with
4 existing headstart programs or with other appropriate early
5 childhood education programs in the community, and the
6 preschool programs shall use one of the following three models:

7 (1) a community-based early childhood
8 education program;

9 (2) a school-based early childhood education
10 program; or

11 (3) a home-based early childhood education
12 program.

13 B. School districts may choose to contract with
14 licensed community-based early childhood education programs
15 already in existence. School-based early childhood education
16 programs may be housed in a school accredited by the
17 [~~department of~~] public education department. A home-based
18 early childhood education program may include a parents-as-
19 teachers program, which supports parents in meeting the
20 developmental learning and social growth needs of their young
21 children.

22 C. Each preschool program shall have a strong
23 parental involvement component, a staff development component
24 and a procedural process to enable the [~~office of child~~
25 ~~development~~] children, youth and families department to monitor

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1 and evaluate the program. The curriculum for each program
2 shall comprehensively address the total developmental needs of
3 the child, including physical, cognitive, social and emotional
4 needs, and shall include aspects of health care, nutrition,
5 safety, the needs of the family and multicultural sensitivity,
6 in coordination with other resources for families."

7 SECTION 2. REPEAL.--Sections 32A-16-1 through 32A-16-4
8 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1989, Chapter 290, Sections 1 through 4,
9 as amended) are repealed.

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