

HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL 424

51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013

AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC EDUCATION; PROVIDING FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO
FORM EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOLS; EXEMPTING EARLY COLLEGE HIGH
SCHOOLS FROM CERTAIN OPERATIONAL FUNDING FORMULA UNITS AND
CAPITAL OUTLAY FUNDS.

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]~~ EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOLS.--

A. Early college high schools may be established by
school districts pursuant to this section. Each early college
high school shall have:

(1) a commitment to provide each student the
opportunity to graduate from the early college high school with
a diploma of excellence and an associate of arts degree;

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1 (2) a commitment to prepare students to enter
2 the work force upon graduation from the early college high
3 school;

4 (3) documentation of the areas of employment
5 for which there is a local or state work force need;

6 (4) a proposed curriculum that includes:
7 (a) articulated areas of study aligned
8 with the areas of employment for which there is a local or
9 state work force need and for which students will be prepared;

10 (b) courses in the areas of study
11 described in Subparagraph (a) of this paragraph;

12 (c) work force preparation courses; and

13 (d) work-study or workplace mentorship
14 opportunities;

15 (5) a memorandum of understanding or other
16 agreement with one or more institutions of higher education
17 that may offer students of the early college high school:

18 (a) dual credit courses aligned with the
19 areas of study described in Subparagraph (a) of Paragraph (4)
20 of this subsection; or

21 (b) associate of arts degrees upon
22 completion of courses and requirements pursuant to the
23 standards for students enrolled in the institutions of higher
24 education;

25 (6) documentation from one or more for-profit

1 or nonprofit entities agreeing to:

2 (a) provide work-study or workplace
3 mentoring opportunities to students;

4 (b) donate materials or provide
5 classroom instruction; or

6 (c) donate money, real property or
7 personal property; enter into financing or other agreements
8 with the school district; or provide other financial support to
9 or on behalf of the early college high school;

10 (7) an identified existing facility or
11 identified funding sources for constructing or acquiring a
12 proposed facility for the early college high school; and

13 (8) a plan for:

14 (a) receiving support pursuant to
15 Paragraph (6) of this subsection for three or more years; and

16 (b) taking any additional measures to
17 operate and sustain the early college high school for three or
18 more years.

19 B. Early college high schools established pursuant
20 to this section, including those established as state-chartered
21 or locally chartered charter schools, shall not be eligible for
22 small school size adjustment units pursuant to Section 22-8-23
23 NMSA 1978 nor for public school capital outlay funding pursuant
24 to Section 22-24-5 NMSA 1978."