

1 SENATE BILL 197

2 **51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2014**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS; PROVIDING A ONE-YEAR MORATORIUM ON
12 THE TEACHER AND SCHOOL LEADER EVALUATION SYSTEM CREATED BY THE
13 PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

16 SECTION 1. TEMPORARY PROVISION--LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS--
17 WAIVER OF REQUIREMENTS.--The legislature finds that the recent
18 adoption of common core content standards in public schools
19 requires a marked shift in curriculum and instruction methods,
20 more stringent requirements for passing standards-based
21 assessments and higher stakes for teachers and school leaders,
22 including employment consequences such as termination based on
23 the results of standards-based assessments. The legislature
24 also finds that, although teachers and school leaders have had
25 insufficient time to receive adequate training and school

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1 districts have had insufficient time to adequately train
2 teachers and school leaders on the newly adopted common core
3 content standards and to ensure alignment of curriculum and
4 instruction under the common core content standards with
5 standards-based assessments, teacher and school leader
6 evaluations are required by public education department rules
7 to be based to a significant degree upon student performance on
8 standards-based assessments despite an inadequate transition
9 period. For the 2013-2014 school year, teachers and school
10 leaders shall not be evaluated pursuant to any evaluation
11 system established in rule or law after January 1, 2011.

12 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public
13 peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.

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