

HOUSE BILL 162

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS; MODIFYING FEDERAL REVENUE
DEDUCTIONS FROM STATE EQUALIZATION GUARANTEE DISTRIBUTIONS FOR
CERTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICTS LOCATED ENTIRELY WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES
OF FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED INDIAN RESERVATIONS OR PUEBLO LANDS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 22-8-25 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1981,
Chapter 176, Section 5, as amended) is amended to read:

"22-8-25. STATE EQUALIZATION GUARANTEE DISTRIBUTION--
DEFINITIONS--DETERMINATION OF AMOUNT.--

A. The state equalization guarantee distribution is
that amount of money distributed to each school district to
ensure that its operating revenue, including its local and
federal revenues as defined in this section, is at least equal
to the school district's program cost. For state-chartered

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1 charter schools, the state equalization guarantee distribution
2 is the difference between the state-chartered charter school's
3 program cost and the two percent withheld by the department for
4 administrative services.

5 B. "Local revenue", as used in this section, means
6 seventy-five percent of receipts to the school district derived
7 from that amount produced by a school district property tax
8 applied at the rate of fifty cents (\$.50) to each one thousand
9 dollars (\$1,000) of net taxable value of property allocated to
10 the school district and to the assessed value of products
11 severed and sold in the school district as determined under the
12 Oil and Gas Ad Valorem Production Tax Act and upon the assessed
13 value of equipment in the school district as determined under
14 the Oil and Gas Production Equipment Ad Valorem Tax Act.

15 C. "Federal revenue", as used in this section,
16 means receipts to the school district, excluding amounts that,
17 if taken into account in the computation of the state
18 equalization guarantee distribution, result, under federal law
19 or regulations, in a reduction in or elimination of federal
20 school funding otherwise receivable by the school district,
21 derived from the following:

22 (1) seventy-five percent of the school
23 district's share of forest reserve funds distributed in
24 accordance with Section 22-8-33 NMSA 1978; and

25 (2) seventy-five percent of grants from the

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1 federal government as assistance to those areas affected by
2 federal activity authorized in accordance with Title 20 of the
3 United States Code, commonly known as "PL 874 funds" or "impact
4 aid".

5 D. To determine the amount of the state
6 equalization guarantee distribution, the department shall:

7 (1) calculate the number of program units to
8 which each school district or charter school is entitled using
9 an average of the MEM on the second and third reporting dates
10 of the prior year; or

11 (2) calculate the number of program units to
12 which a school district or charter school operating under an
13 approved year-round school calendar is entitled using an
14 average of the MEM on appropriate dates established by the
15 department; or

16 (3) calculate the number of program units to
17 which a school district or charter school with a MEM of two
18 hundred or less is entitled by using an average of the MEM on
19 the second and third reporting dates of the prior year or the
20 fortieth day of the current year, whichever is greater; and

21 (4) using the results of the calculations in
22 Paragraph (1), (2) or (3) of this subsection and the
23 instructional staff training and experience index from the
24 October report of the prior school year, establish a total
25 program cost of the school district or charter school;

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1 (5) for school districts, calculate the local
2 and federal revenues as defined in this section;

3 (6) deduct the sum of the calculations made in
4 Paragraph (5) of this subsection from the program cost
5 established in Paragraph (4) of this subsection; provided that
6 no deductions for federal revenues pursuant to Paragraph (2) of
7 Subsection C of this section shall be made for school districts
8 located entirely within the boundaries of recognized Indian
9 reservations or pueblo grant lands;

10 (7) deduct the total amount of guaranteed
11 energy savings contract payments that the department determines
12 will be made to the school district from the public school
13 utility conservation fund during the fiscal year for which the
14 state equalization guarantee distribution is being computed;
15 and

16 (8) deduct ninety percent of the amount
17 certified for the school district by the department pursuant to
18 the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Bonding Act.

19 E. Reduction of a school district's state
20 equalization guarantee distribution shall cease when the school
21 district's cumulative reductions equal its proportional share
22 of the cumulative debt service payments necessary to service
23 the bonds issued pursuant to the Energy Efficiency and
24 Renewable Energy Bonding Act.

25 F. The amount of the state equalization guarantee

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1 distribution to which a school district is entitled is the
2 balance remaining after the deductions made in Paragraphs (6)
3 through (8) of Subsection D of this section.

4 G. The state equalization guarantee distribution
5 shall be distributed prior to June 30 of each fiscal year. The
6 calculation shall be based on the local and federal revenues
7 specified in this section received from June 1 of the previous
8 fiscal year through May 31 of the fiscal year for which the
9 state equalization guarantee distribution is being computed.
10 In the event that a school district or charter school has
11 received more state equalization guarantee funds than its
12 entitlement, a refund shall be made by the school district or
13 charter school to the state general fund."

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