

1 HOUSE BILL 435

2 **54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019**

3 INTRODUCED BY

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO PUBLIC EDUCATION; PROVIDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF
12 PATHWAY PLANS; CREATING PATHWAYS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

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

15 SECTION 1. A new section of the Public School Code is
16 enacted to read:

17 "~~[NEW MATERIAL]~~ DEVELOPMENT OF PATHWAY PLANS.--

18 A. School districts, the public education
19 commission and community partners shall collaborate to develop
20 pathway plans by gathering the following:

21 (1) information on the need for pathways in a
22 school district;

23 (2) commitments from school administrators,
24 teachers, parents, students and community partners for pathways
25 in public schools;

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1 (3) assessment of a school district's ability
2 to support pathways;

3 (4) information on current school district
4 programs upon which pathway programs may be developed;

5 (5) information on expected student learning
6 outcomes from potential pathways; and

7 (6) information on school district resource
8 needs for pathways and potential funding sources.

9 B. Rural school districts may develop partnerships
10 with surrounding school districts to prepare a regional pathway
11 plan.

12 C. School districts may pilot one or more pathway
13 programs during the development of their pathway plans.

14 D. School districts and community partners shall
15 report to the department on their pathway plans no later than
16 January 1, 2020.

17 E. As used in this section, "community partner"
18 means an institution of higher learning, a local business, a
19 union or a trade association.

20 F. As used in this section, "pathway" means an
21 educational instructional program that incorporates technical
22 knowledge, skills and competency-based applied learning about
23 an occupation or career specialty."

24 **SECTION 2.** A new section of the Public School Code is
25 enacted to read:

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1 "[NEW MATERIAL] CREATION OF PATHWAY PROGRAMS IN MIDDLE AND
2 HIGH SCHOOLS--ANNUAL REVIEW OF PATHWAY PROGRAMS.--

3 A. A school district shall assess the student
4 interest, labor market trends and the available community
5 resources before creating a pathway program.

6 B. A school district, the public education
7 commission and a community partner shall collaborate to create
8 a pathway program within a public school's career and technical
9 education curricula.

10 C. Community partners shall volunteer and provide
11 technical knowledge, skills and competency-based applied
12 learning regarding their careers to interested middle or high
13 school students.

14 D. Middle or high school students may enroll in
15 career and technical education and choose a pathway.

16 E. A school district shall annually review its
17 pathways to determine if educational standards and expectations
18 have been met and if additional pathways should be implemented.

19 F. As used in this section, "community partner"
20 means an institution of higher learning, a local business, a
21 union or a trade association.

22 G. As used in this section, "pathway" means an
23 educational instructional program that incorporates technical
24 knowledge, skills and competency-based applied learning about
25 an occupation or career specialty."

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