SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL 391

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

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AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; REQUIRING THE PUBLIC EDUCATION

DEPARTMENT TO AUTHORIZE A DIPLOMA PROGRAM FOR ADULTS WHO HAVE

NOT GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL.

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] DEPARTMENT-ISSUED DIPLOMAS.--The department shall authorize a diploma program that results in a diploma award by the department for adults who have not graduated from high school but who want a program that:

- A. documents their educational attainment through college and career readiness standards;
- B. assesses high school-level skills in applied life and work contexts; and

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C. prepares them to enter college or the workforce,
upgrade their skills, advance to a better job or move from one
field of work to another."

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