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HOUSE BILL 78

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

INTRODUCED BY

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FOR THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; CREATING THE STRATEGIC PLANNING
COORDINATING COUNCIL; ENACTING THE STRATEGIC PLANNING
COORDINATING COUNCIL ACT; MAKING APPROPRIATIONS; DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY.

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

Section 1. SHORT TITLE. -- This act may be cited as the
"Strategic Planning Coordinating Council Act".

Section 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE. --

A. The legislature finds that the mission of the
council as stated in the strategic plan is to provide the
highest quality elementary and secondary education in New Mexico
to develop in students the knowledge and skills necessary for
responsible citizenship, productive employment and satisfying
lives.

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1 B. The legislature finds that the mission of public
2 education is best accomplished by implementing the objectives
3 and achieving the goals outlined in the strategic plan.

4 C. The legislature finds that involving all branches
5 of government and the public in the educational process will
6 achieve widespread understanding of and support for the
7 strategic plan.

8 D. It is the purpose of the Strategic Planning
9 Coordinating Council Act to establish a process to ensure the
10 continuous enhancement and implementation of the strategic plan
11 by:

12 (1) evaluating results, including the annual
13 assessment, review and revision of the strategic plan;

14 (2) integrating the school districts' current
15 budget activities by using both the budget cycle and educational
16 plan for student success to implement the strategic plan; and

17 (3) encouraging all branches of government and
18 the public to work together toward New Mexico's mission of
19 public education.

20 Section 3. DEFINITIONS.--As used in the Strategic Planning
21 Coordinating Council Act:

22 A. "council" means the strategic planning
23 coordinating council; and

24 B. "strategic plan" means the New Mexico public
25 education strategic plan.

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1 Section 4. STRATEGIC PLAN. -- The strategic plan shall
2 provide:

3 A. a well-defined vision and articulated steps to
4 achieve national preeminence in education;

5 B. a means to gain statewide consensus by
6 encouraging the legislature, the governor's office and related
7 state agencies, the state board of education, the state
8 department of public education, the local school boards, school
9 personnel, parents, students, the business community and school
10 districts to work together toward the common goal of improving
11 educational opportunities and performance of all New Mexico's
12 children; and

13 C. coordination of the state-level planning cycle
14 with the budgeting cycle.

15 Section 5. STRATEGIC PLANNING COORDINATING COUNCIL. --

16 A. The "strategic planning coordinating council" is
17 created.

18 B. The council shall be composed of fifteen members.
19 The members shall be representative of the different
20 geographical areas of the state and reflective of the diverse
21 population of the state.

22 C. The president pro tempore of the senate shall
23 appoint two members and the speaker of the house of
24 representatives shall appoint two members.

25 D. Eleven members shall be appointed as follows:

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1 (1) the president of the state board of
2 education shall appoint one member to a two-year term and one
3 member to a four-year term;

4 (2) the governor shall appoint two members to a
5 two-year term and one member to a four-year term; and

6 (3) the governor, the speaker of the house of
7 representatives, the president pro tempore of the senate and the
8 president of the state board of education shall jointly appoint
9 three members to a two-year term and three members to a four-
10 year term.

11 E. After the initial appointments, members who are
12 not legislators shall be appointed for four-year terms, and
13 members who are legislators shall be appointed for four-year
14 terms or until their term of office expires.

15 F. Members of the council, except for members who
16 are legislators, may be reimbursed as provided in the Per Diem
17 and Mileage Act and shall receive no other compensation,
18 perquisite or allowance.

19 Section 6. DUTIES.--The council shall:

20 A. make recommendations to the legislature, the
21 governor and the state board of education for the enhancement
22 and implementation of the strategic plan and for the development
23 of the priorities to be implemented yearly;

24 B. make recommendations to the legislature, the
25 governor and the state board of education for the development of

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1 a variety of formal and informal mechanisms to involve the
2 public in this process;

3 C. review the planning efforts conducted by the
4 school districts and make recommendations to the legislature,
5 the governor and the state board of education on the evaluation
6 and revision of the strategic plan in response to public input;

7 D. direct staff in the development of
8 recommendations of proposed revisions of the strategic plan;

9 E. submit the revised strategic plan to the
10 legislative education study committee, the office of the
11 governor and the state board of education with an analysis of
12 the new priorities, including cost of implementation,
13 recommendations regarding necessary legislation for
14 implementation of the goals and objectives of the strategic plan
15 and a recommended annual budget for the council's activities;
16 and

17 F. report at least annually to the legislature, the
18 governor, the state board of education and the public on the
19 progress in achieving and implementing the goals and objectives
20 of the strategic plan.

21 Section 7. STAFF MANAGEMENT TEAM - DUTIES. -- The council
22 shall be staffed by a staff management team composed of three
23 staff members. The director of the legislative education study
24 committee staff, the superintendent of public instruction and
25 the office of the governor shall each designate a staff member

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1 to work with the council. The staff shall assist the council in
2 carrying out its duties as specified in Section 6 of the
3 Strategic Planning Coordinating Council Act and shall serve as
4 liaison to their appointing agencies.

5 Section 8. ADMINISTRATION.--The legislative education
6 study committee, in cooperation with the state board of
7 education and the governor's office, shall be the administrative
8 agency for the council. The legislative education study
9 committee, in consultation with the state board of education and
10 the governor's office, may contract for strategic planning
11 assistance.

12 Section 9. APPROPRIATION.--Seventy thousand dollars
13 (\$70,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the state
14 department of public education for expenditure in fiscal years
15 1997 and 1998 for the purpose of funding personnel for the staff
16 management team of the strategic planning coordinating council.
17 Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of
18 fiscal year 1998 shall revert to the general fund.

19 Section 10. APPROPRIATION.--Seventy thousand dollars
20 (\$70,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
21 department of finance and administration for expenditure in
22 fiscal years 1997 and 1998 for the purpose of funding personnel
23 for the staff management team of the strategic planning
24 coordinating council. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance
25 remaining at the end of fiscal year 1998 shall revert to the

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1 general fund.

2 Section 11. APPROPRIATION. -- Eight-two thousand dollars
3 (\$82,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
4 legislative education study committee for expenditure in fiscal
5 years 1997 and 1998 for the purpose of funding personnel for the
6 staff management team of the strategic planning coordinating
7 council and for the purpose of paying per diem and travel
8 expenses for members of the strategic planning coordinating
9 council. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at
10 the end of fiscal year 1998 shall revert to the general fund.

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

**State of New Mexico
House of Representatives**

**FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION, 1997**

February 10, 1997

Mr. Speaker:

Your EDUCATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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**has had it under consideration and reports same with
recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the
APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

Respectfully submitted,

Samuel F. Vigil, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 9 For 0 Against

Yes: 9

Excused: McSherry, Nicely, Trujillo, Wright

Absent: None

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**FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
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March 19, 1997

Mr. Speaker:

**Your APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE, to
whom has been referred**

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**has had it under consideration and reports same with
recommendation that it DO PASS.**

Respectfully submitted,

Max Coll, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 10 For 4 Against

Yes: 10

No: Bird, Buffett, Pearce, Wallace

Excused: Marquardt, Picraux, Varela

Absent: None

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