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AN ACT

RELATING TO REGIONAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVES; AMENDING AND REPEALING SECTIONS OF THE NMSA 1978.

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

Section 1. Section 22-2-6.3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1986, Chapter 94, Section 3, as amended) is amended to read:

"22-2-6.3. DEFINITIONS.--As used in the Public School Insurance Authority Act:

- A. "authority" means the public school insurance authority;
- B. "board" means the board of directors of the public school insurance authority;
- C. "director" means the director of the public school insurance authority;
 - D. "educational entities" means state educational

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institutions as enumerated in Article 12, Section 11 of the constitution of New Mexico [and], other state diploma, degree-granting and certificate-granting post-secondary educational institutions and regional education cooperatives as defined in the Regional Cooperative Education Act;

- E. "fund" means the public school insurance fund;
- F. "group health insurance" means coverage which includes but is not limited to life insurance, accidental death and dismemberment, medical care and treatment, dental care, eye care and other coverages as determined by the authority;
- G. "risk-related coverage" means coverage which includes, but is not limited to property and casualty, general liability, auto and fleet, [workmen's] workers' compensation and other casualty insurance; and
- H. "school district" means a school district as defined in Subsection [\pm] \underline{K} of Section 22-1-2 NMSA 1978, excluding any school district with a student enrollment in excess of sixty thousand students."

Section 2. Section 22-2B-1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993, Chapter 232, Section 1) is amended to read:

"22-2B-1. SHORT TITLE.--[Sections 1 through 6 of this act]

Chapter 22, Article 2B NMSA 1978 may be cited as the "Regional

Cooperative Education Act"."

Section 3. Section 22-2B-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993, Chapter 232, Section 2) is amended to read:

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"22-2B-2.	DEFINITIONS As	used	i n	the	Regi onal
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- A. "council" means a regional education coordinating council; and
- B. "cooperative" means a regional education cooperative [and
 - C. "fund" means an educational cooperative fund]."
- Section 4. Section 22-2B-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993, Chapter 232, Section 3) is amended to read:

"22-2B-3. REGIONAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVES AUTHORIZED. --

- A. The state board may authorize the existence and operation of "regional education cooperatives". Upon authorization by the state board, local school boards may join with other local school boards or other state-supported educational institutions to form cooperatives for the purpose of providing education-related services to qualified school-age residents of participating educational entities. [Regional education cooperatives shall be deemed individual state agencies administratively attached to the department of education.]
- B. The state board shall, by regulation, establish minimum criteria for the establishment and operation of cooperatives. The state board shall also establish procedures for oversight of cooperatives to ensure compliance with state board regulation. [Regional education cooperatives shall be exempt from the provisions of the Personnel Act.]"

REPEAL. -- Section $22-2B-6\,$ NMSA $1978\,$ (being Laws Section 5. 1993, Chapter 232, Section 6) is repealed.

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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**, amended as follows:

- On page 1, line 12, before the period insert "; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY".
 - 2. On page 4, between lines 2 and 3, insert:

"Section 6. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.".

and thence referred to the **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

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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,

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