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HOUSE BILL 1118

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

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE; AMENDING A SECTION OF THE
NMSA 1978 TO REMOVE LANGUAGE AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL PROGRAM
UNITS FOR CERTAIN LARGE SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

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

Section 1. Section 22-8-23 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1975,
Chapter 119, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

"22-8-23. SIZE ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM UNITS. --

A. An approved public school with a MEM of less than
400, including early childhood education full-time-equivalent
MEM but excluding special education class C and class D MEM, is
eligible for additional program units. Separate schools
established to provide special programs, including but not
limited to vocational and alternative education, shall not be
classified as public schools for purposes of generating size

1 adjustment program units. The number of additional program
2 units to which a school district is entitled under this
3 subsection is the sum of elementary-junior high units and senior
4 high units computed in the following manner:

5 Elementary-Junior High Units

$$6 \quad \frac{200 - MEM}{200} \times 1.0 \times MEM = \text{Units}$$

$$7 \quad 200$$

8 where MEM is equal to the membership of an approved elementary
9 or junior high school, including early childhood education full-
10 time-equivalent membership but excluding special education class
11 C and class D membership;

12 Senior High Units

$$13 \quad \frac{200 - MEM}{200} \times 2.0 \times MEM = \text{Units}$$

$$14 \quad 200$$

15 or,

16 Senior High Units

$$17 \quad \frac{400 - MEM}{400} \times 1.6 \times MEM = \text{Units}$$

$$18 \quad 400$$

19 whichever calculation for senior high units is higher, where MEM
20 is equal to the membership of an approved senior high school,
21 excluding special education class C and class D membership.

22 B. A school district with total MEM of less than
23 4,000, including early childhood education full-time-equivalent
24 MEM and special education MEM, is eligible for additional
25 program units. The number of additional program units to which

1 a district is entitled under this subsection is the number of
2 district units computed in the following manner:

3 District Units

$$4 \quad \frac{4000 - MEM}{4000} \times 0.15 \times MEM = \text{Units}$$

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6 where MEM is equal to the total district membership, including
7 early childhood education full-time-equivalent membership and
8 special education membership.

9 C. A school district with over 10,000 MEM with a
10 ratio of MEM to senior high schools less than 4,000:1 is
11 eligible for additional program units based on the number of
12 approved regular senior high schools that are not eligible for
13 senior high units under Subsection A of this section. The
14 number of additional program units to which an eligible school
15 district is entitled under this subsection is the number of
16 units computed in the following manner:

$$17 \quad \frac{4000 - MEM}{4000} \times 0.50 = \text{Units}$$

18 Senior High Schools

19 where MEM is equal to the total district membership, including
20 early childhood education full-time-equivalent membership and
21 special education membership, and where senior high schools are
22 equal to the number of approved regular senior high schools in
23 the district.

24 ~~[D. A school district with a total MEM of greater~~
25 ~~than ten thousand but less than fifteen thousand, including~~

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1 ~~early childhood education full-time equivalent MEM and special~~
2 ~~education MEM, is eligible for additional program units. The~~
3 ~~number of additional program units to which an eligible district~~
4 ~~is entitled under this subsection is the number of units~~
5 ~~computed in the following manner:~~

$$6 \quad \frac{\text{MEM} - 10,000}{10,000} \times .15 \times \text{MEM} = \text{Units}$$

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8 ~~where MEM is equal to the total district membership, including~~
9 ~~early childhood education full-time equivalent membership and~~
10 ~~special education membership.~~

11 ~~E. A school district with a total MEM of greater~~
12 ~~than fifteen thousand but less than thirty-five thousand,~~
13 ~~including early childhood education full-time equivalent MEM and~~
14 ~~special education MEM, is eligible for additional program units.~~
15 ~~The number of additional program units to which an eligible~~
16 ~~district is entitled under this subsection is the number of~~
17 ~~units computed in the following manner:~~

$$18 \quad \frac{\text{MEM} - 15,000}{15,000} \times .15 \times \text{MEM} = \text{Units}$$

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20 ~~where MEM is equal to the total district membership, including~~
21 ~~early childhood education full-time equivalent membership and~~
22 ~~special education membership.~~

23 ~~F. A school district with a total MEM of greater~~
24 ~~than thirty-five thousand, including early childhood education~~
25 ~~full-time equivalent MEM and special education MEM, is eligible~~

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1 ~~for additional program units. The number of additional program~~
2 ~~units to which an eligible district is entitled under this~~
3 ~~subsection is the number of units computed in the following~~
4 ~~manner:-~~

$$\frac{\text{MEM} - 35,000}{35,000} \times .023 \times \text{MEM} = \text{Units}$$

7 ~~where MEM is equal to the total district membership, including~~
8 ~~early childhood education full-time equivalent membership and~~
9 ~~special education membership.]"~~