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SENATE BILL 1000

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

INTRODUCED BY

CYNTHIA NAVA

AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM PROVIDING STUDENTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO OBSERVE AND PARTICIPATE IN THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS; ENACTING THE STUDENT CONGRESS ACT; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

Section 1. SHORT TITLE. --This act may be cited as the "Student Congress Act".

Section 2. PURPOSE. --The purpose of this act is to enable youths in New Mexico to learn about the operation of the legislature first-hand by observing and participating in the interim legislative process and hearing from prominent state leaders on the functions of state government.

Section 3. PLACEMENT OF STUDENTS. --

A. Each legislator in the house of representatives

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1 and in the senate may select a student who is at least a  
2 sophomore in high school and who shall participate in the  
3 student congress program

4 B. Students shall have the opportunities to assist  
5 and observe an interim legislative committee and attend seminars  
6 at the state capitol in Santa Fe, where legislative leaders  
7 shall address youth on:

- 8 (1) the legislative process;
- 9 (2) current issues the legislature may be  
10 examining through the interim committee process;
- 11 (3) leadership training; and
- 12 (4) other areas of interest, as determined by  
13 the legislative leadership.

14 C. The chief clerk of the senate and the chief clerk  
15 of the house of representatives shall coordinate and administer  
16 the program

17 D. Students traveling from various points around the  
18 state shall be reimbursed for travel to and from interim  
19 legislative committee meetings and the state capitol.

20 Section 4. APPROPRIATION. --One hundred twenty-five  
21 thousand dollars (\$125,000) is appropriated from the general  
22 fund to the legislative council service for expenditure in  
23 fiscal year 1998 to reimburse students participating in the  
24 program for travel expenses and to reimburse the chief clerk of  
25 the senate and the chief clerk of the house of representatives

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1 for administrative costs associated with the program. Any  
2 unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of  
3 fiscal year 1998 shall revert to the general fund.

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5 March 4, 1997  
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7 Mr. President:  
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9 Your EDUCATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred  
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13 has had it under consideration and reports same with  
14 recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the  
15 FINANCE COMMITTEE.  
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17 Respectfully submitted,  
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22 Cynthia Nava, Chairman  
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25 Adopted \_\_\_\_\_ Not Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

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The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against

Yes: 6

No: 0

Excused: Boitano, Duran, Gorham, Maloof

Absent: None

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7 Mr. President:  
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9 Your FINANCE COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred  
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13 has had it under consideration and reports same with  
14 recommendation that it DO PASS, amended as follows:  
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16 1. On page 1, lines 13 and 14, strike "; MAKING AN  
17 APPROPRIATION".  
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19 2. On page 2, strike lines 20 through 25 in their entirety  
20 and on page 3, strike lines 1 through 3 in their entirety.  
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Ben D. Altamirano, Chairman

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against

Yes: 6

No: None

Excused: Carraro, Eisenstadt, Ingle, Lyons, McKibben

Absent: None

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