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

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO TAXATION; AUTHORIZING AN EMPLOYER TAX CREDIT FOR EMPLOYEE RELEASED TIME FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL COMPUTER ASSISTANCE.

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

Section 1. A new section of the Corporate Income and Franchise Tax Act is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] EMPLOYER CREDIT--EMPLOYEE RELEASED TIME. --

A. Any taxpayer who files a corporate income tax return may claim a credit for the time during regular working hours in which the taxpayer's employees are released from employment duties to provide computer assistance in a public elementary or secondary school. The credit may be claimed in an amount equal to the sum of the amounts determined for each employee who provides such assistance, which amount for each employee is equal to the product of five dollars (\$5.00)

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multiplied by the number of hours in the taxpayer's taxable year that the employee was released and provided such assistance.

- A taxpayer who otherwise qualifies and claims a credit pursuant to Subsection A of this section and who is a member of a partnership or business association that is the employer may claim a credit only in proportion to his interest in the partnership or association. The total credit claimed by all members of the partnership or association shall not exceed the credit that would otherwise be available to a single taxpayer.
- C. The credit provided in this section may only be deducted from the taxpayer's corporate income tax liability for the taxable year in which the credit is claimed.
- As used in this section, "computer assistance" means D. teaching of computer skills to students or teachers and provision of technical assistance, including maintenance, repair and upgrading of computer systems."

Section 2. APPLICABILITY. -- The provisions of this act apply to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 1997.

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1 FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE 2 FIRST SESSION, 1997 5 March 17, 1997 6 7 Mr. President: 9 Your WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE, to whom has been 10 11 referred 12 13 **SENATE BILL 1191** 14 **15** has had it under consideration and reports same with 16 recommendation that it **DO PASS**, and thence referred to the 17 FINANCE COMMITTEE. **18 19** 20 Respectfully submitted, 21 22 23 24 25

Carlos R. Cisneros, Chairman

______ Not Adopted_____ Adopted__ (Chief Clerk) (Chief Clerk) Date _____ The roll call vote was $\underline{7}$ For $\underline{0}$ Against Yes: No: Excused: McSorley, Nava Absent: None S1191WM1