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HOUSE BILL 42

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1998

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

**RELATING TO EDUCATION; ENACTING THE STRATEGIC PLANNING
COORDINATING COUNCIL ACT; CREATING THE STRATEGIC PLANNING
COORDINATING COUNCIL; PROVIDING DUTIES; PROVIDING STAFF;
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 it is important 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.**

B. The legislature finds that the mission of

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1 public education is best accomplished by implementing the
2 objectives and achieving the goals outlined in the strategic
3 plan.

4 C. The legislature finds that involving all
5 branches of government and the public in the educational
6 process will achieve widespread understanding of and support
7 for the 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
11 plan pursuant to the Strategic Planning for Public Education
12 Act by:

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

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

19 (3) encouraging the three branches of
20 government and the public to work together toward New Mexico's
21 mission of public education.

22 Section 3. DEFINITIONS.--As used in the Strategic
23 Planning Coordinating Council Act:

24 A. "council" means the strategic planning
25 coordinating council; and

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1 B. "strategic plan" means the New Mexico public
2 education strategic plan developed pursuant to the Strategic
3 Planning for Public Education Act.

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

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

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

16 C. coordination of the state-level planning cycle
17 with the budgeting cycle.

18 Section 5. STRATEGIC PLANNING COORDINATING COUNCIL. --

19 A. The "strategic planning coordinating council"
20 is created.

21 B. The council shall be composed of fifteen
22 members. The members shall be representative of the different
23 geographical areas of the state and reflective of the diverse
24 population of the state.

25 C. The president pro tempore of the senate shall

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1 appoint two members from the senate and the speaker of the
2 house shall appoint two members from the house of
3 representatives for terms of two years or less to coincide
4 with their terms of office.

5 D. Eleven members shall be appointed as follows:

6 (1) the president of the state board of
7 education shall appoint one member for a two-year term and one
8 member for a four-year term;

9 (2) the governor shall appoint two members
10 for two-year terms and one member for a four-year term; and

11 (3) the governor, the speaker of the house,
12 the president pro tempore of the senate and the president of
13 the state board of education shall jointly appoint three
14 members for two-year terms and three members for four-year
15 terms.

16 E. After the initial appointments, members who are
17 not legislators shall be appointed for four-year terms, and
18 members who are legislators shall be appointed for terms of
19 two years or less to coincide with their terms of office.

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

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

25 A. make recommendations to the legislature, the

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1 governor and the state board of education for the enhancement
2 and implementation of the strategic plan and for the
3 development of the priorities to be implemented yearly;

4 B. make recommendations to the legislature, the
5 governor and the state board of education for the development
6 of a variety of formal and informal mechanisms to involve the
7 public in this process;

8 C. review the planning efforts conducted by the
9 school districts and make recommendations to the legislature,
10 the governor and the state board of education on the
11 evaluation and revision of the strategic plan in response to
12 public input;

13 D. direct staff in the development of
14 recommendations of proposed revisions of the strategic plan;

15 E. submit the revised strategic plan to the
16 legislative education study committee, the office of the
17 governor and the state board of education with an analysis of
18 the new priorities, including cost of implementation,
19 recommendations regarding necessary legislation for
20 implementation of the goals and objectives of the strategic
21 plan and a recommended annual budget for the council's
22 activities; and

23 F. report at least annually to the legislature,
24 the governor, the state board of education and the public on
25 the progress in achieving and implementing the goals and

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1 objectives of the strategic plan.

2 Section 7. STAFF MANAGEMENT TEAM - DUTIES. -- The council
3 shall be staffed by a staff management team composed of three
4 staff members. The director of the legislative education
5 study committee staff, the superintendent of public
6 instruction and the office of the governor shall each
7 designate a staff member to work with the council. The staff
8 shall assist the council in carrying out its duties and shall
9 serve as liaison to their appointing agencies.

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

17 Section 9. APPROPRIATION. -- Seventy thousand dollars
18 (\$70,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the state
19 department of public education for expenditure in fiscal years
20 1998 and 1999 for the purpose of funding personnel for the
21 staff management team of the strategic planning coordinating
22 council. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at
23 the end of fiscal year 1999 shall revert to the general fund.

24 Section 10. APPROPRIATION. -- Seventy thousand dollars
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1 department of finance and administration for expenditure in
2 fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for the purpose of funding
3 personnel for the staff management team of the strategic
4 planning coordinating council. Any unexpended or unencumbered
5 balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 1999 shall revert
6 to the general fund.

7 Section 11. APPROPRIATION. -- Eighty-two thousand dollars
8 (\$82,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
9 legislative education study committee for expenditure in
10 fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for the purpose of funding
11 personnel for the staff management team of the strategic
12 planning coordinating council and for the purpose of paying
13 per diem and travel expenses for members of the strategic
14 planning coordinating council. Any unexpended or unencumbered
15 balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 1999 shall revert
16 to the general fund.

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

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