

AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE; AMENDING AND ENACTING
SECTIONS OF THE NMSA 1978 PERTAINING TO PROGRAM COST
CALCULATIONS.

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

Section 1. Section 22-8-18 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1974,
Chapter 8, Section 8, as amended) is amended to read:

"22-8-18. PROGRAM COST CALCULATION--LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD
RESPONSIBILITY.--

A. The total program units for the purpose of
computing the program cost shall be calculated by multiplying
the sum of the program units itemized as Paragraphs (1)
through (4) of this subsection by the instruction staff
training and experience index and adding the program units
itemized as Paragraphs (5) through (9) of this subsection.
The itemized program units are as follows:

(1) early childhood education;

(2) basic education;

(3) special education, adjusted by

subtracting the units derived from membership in class D
special education programs in private, nonsectarian,
nonprofit training centers;

(4) bilingual multicultural education;

(5) size adjustment;

- (6) at-risk program;
- (7) enrollment growth or new district adjustment;
- (8) special education units derived from membership in class D special education programs in private, nonsectarian, nonprofit training centers; and
- (9) national board for professional teaching standards certification.

B. The total program cost calculated as prescribed in Subsection A of this section includes the cost of early childhood, special, bilingual multicultural and vocational education and other remedial or enrichment programs. It is the responsibility of the local school board to determine its priorities in terms of the needs of the community served by that board. Funds generated under the Public School Finance Act are discretionary to local school boards if the special program needs as enumerated in this section are met."

Section 2. A new section of the Public School Finance Act, Section 22-8-23.4 NMSA 1978, is enacted to read:

"22-8-23.4. NATIONAL BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS--CERTIFIED TEACHERS PROGRAM UNITS.--The number of program units for teachers certified by the national board for professional teaching standards is determined by multiplying by one and one-half the number of certified

