44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999 INTRODUCED BY Sheryl Williams Stapleton

AN ACT

HOUSE BILL 582

RELATING TO LABOR; PROVIDING FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION

COVERAGE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN "SCHOOLTO-WORK" AND SIMILAR WORK-STUDY PROGRAMS.

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

Section 1. Section 52-1-3.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1979, Chapter 199, Section 2, as amended) is amended to read:

"52-1-3.1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE. --

 $\underline{A.}$ As used in the Workers' Compensation Act, unless otherwise provided, "public employee" means:

[any] (1) a person receiving a salary from, and acting in the service of, the state or [any] a county, municipality, school district, drainage, irrigation or conservancy district, public institution or administrative board, including elected or appointed public officers; or

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(2) a student sixteen years of age or older
who is enrolled as a student in a public school and is also
participating in a school district approved "school-to-work"
or similar work-study program in which case the student shall
be considered an employee of the school district and shall be
included in the district's workers' compensation coverage.

 $\underline{\textbf{B.}}$ The term "public employee" does not include an independent contractor."

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Mr. Speaker:

Your **LABOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE**, to whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that it **DO PASS**, amended as follows:

- 1. On page 2, line 3, after "approved" insert "uncompensated or compensated".
- 2. On page 2, line 4, after "similar" insert
 "uncompensated or compensated", strike "student" and insert
 in lieu thereof "school district".
- 3. On page 2, line 5, strike the line following "considered" and insert in lieu thereof "a co-employer with the participating employer and the student shall be".,

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