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SENATE BILL 622

44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999

INTRODUCED BY

Ramsay L. Gorham

AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; CREATING A TASK FORCE TO REVIEW MERIT
PAY FOR TEACHERS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

Section 1. TEACHER MERIT PAY TASK FORCE CREATED. -- The
"teacher merit pay task force" is created.

Section 2. MEMBERSHIP-- APPOINTMENT-- VACANCIES--
COMPENSATION. --

A. The teacher merit pay task force shall be
composed of eighteen members.

B. Members of the task force shall be appointed as
follows:

(1) three members appointed by the speaker of
the house of representatives;

(2) two members appointed by the minority

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- 1 leader of the house of representatives;
- 2 (3) three members appointed by the president
- 3 pro tempore of the senate;
- 4 (4) two members appointed by the minority
- 5 leader of the senate;
- 6 (5) one member of the governor's staff
- 7 appointed by the governor;
- 8 (6) three members of the business community,
- 9 who are not employed in education services, appointed by the
- 10 governor;
- 11 (7) three school parents, who are not
- 12 employed in education services, appointed by the governor; and
- 13 (8) one member appointed by the state board
- 14 of education.

15 C. Vacancies on the task force shall be filled by

16 appointment in the same manner as the original appointments.

17 D. The speaker of the house of representatives and

18 the president pro tempore of the senate shall each designate

19 one co-chairman of the task force.

20 E. The members of the task force shall be paid

21 pursuant to the Per Diem and Mileage Act and shall receive no

22 other perquisite, compensation or allowance.

23 Section 3. DUTIES.--

24 A. After its appointment, the teacher merit task

25 force shall hold one organizational meeting to develop a work

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1 plan.

2 B. The task force shall hold monthly meetings.

3 C. The task force shall examine the statutes,
4 constitutional provisions, rules and court decisions governing
5 merit pay for teachers in New Mexico and shall recommend
6 legislation or changes, if any are found, to the legislature.

7 D. The task force shall examine what other states
8 have done to recognize the importance of rewarding educators
9 who strive to improve the quality of education and student
10 performance.

11 E. The task force shall examine what other states
12 have done to provide incentives for educators who improve
13 student performance in the classroom and who decrease the
14 dropout rate in their classrooms.

15 F. The task force shall examine what other states
16 have done to reward educators who demonstrate the achievement
17 of excellence with their students.

18 G. The task force shall examine what other states
19 have done to compensate educators who assume additional
20 educational responsibilities.

21 H. The task force shall examine how to increase
22 New Mexico's educational proficiency as compared to other
23 states and what role teachers can contribute to student
24 proficiency.

25 I. The task force shall determine standards for

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1 teacher merit pay in the classroom and schools in New Mexico.

2 Section 4. REPORT.--The teacher merit task force shall
3 make a report of its findings and recommendations for the
4 consideration of the legislative education study committee
5 preceding each session.

6 Section 5. STAFF.--The staff for the teacher merit task
7 force shall be provided by the legislative education study
8 committee and the legislative council service.

9 Section 6. APPROPRIATION.--Twenty-five thousand dollars
10 (\$25,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
11 legislative council service for expenditure in fiscal year
12 2000 to assist the teacher merit pay task force in carrying
13 out its duties. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance
14 remaining at the end of fiscal year 2000 shall revert to the
15 general fund.

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8 Mr. President:

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10 Your EDUCATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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14 has had it under consideration and reports same with

15 recommendation that it DO PASS, amended as follows:

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17 1. On page 1, line 12, strike "; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION".

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19 2. On page 1, line 20, strike "eighteen" and insert in
20 lieu thereof "fifteen" and after "members" insert "reflecting
21 all geographical regions within the state".

22 3. On page 1, line 24, after "representatives" insert "
23 one of whom shall be chosen from the educational fields of
24 teachers or administrators, which include anyone receiving a
25 salary or benefits".

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1 4. On page 2, line 1, after "representatives" insert ",
2 one of which shall be chosen from the educational fields of
3 teachers or administrators, which include anyone receiving a
4 salary or benefits".

5 5. On page 2, line 3, after "senate" insert ", one of whom
6 shall be chosen from the educational fields of teachers or
7 administrators, which include anyone receiving a salary or
8 benefits".

9 6. On page 2, line 5, after "senate" insert ", one of whom
10 shall be chosen from the educational fields of teachers or
11 administrators, which include anyone receiving a salary or
12 benefits".

13 7. On page 2, line 6, after "one" insert "ex officio".

14 8. On page 2, lines 8 through 10, strike Paragraph (6) in
15 its entirety.

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25 9. Renumber succeeding paragraphs accordingly.

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10. On page 2, line 11, strike "school parents" and insert
1 in lieu thereof "public members, including one student, one
2 business representative and one parent", and strike ", who are
3 not".

4 11. On page 2, line 12, strike "employed in education
5 services".

6 12. On page 2, between lines 22 and 23, insert the
7 following new subsection:
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9 "F. No more than four members of the task force shall
10 be composed of teachers or administrators."
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12 13. On page 4, line 5, strike "preceding each session" and
13 insert in lieu thereof "before the next legislative session".

14 14. On page 4, between lines 8 and 9, insert the following
15 new section:
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17 "Section 6. DELAYED REPEAL.--Sections 1 through 4 of this
18 act are repealed effective January 30, 2000."
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20 15. On page 4, strike lines 9 through 15 in their
21 entirety.,

22 and thence referred to the **FINANCE COMMITTEE**.
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Cynthia Nava, Chairman

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2 Excused: Garcia, Lopez, Rodriguez

3 Absent: None

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SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENT number _____ to SENATE BILL 622

AMENDMENT sponsored by SENATOR GORHAM

1. On page 2, strike lines 20 through 22.

Senator Ramsay L. Gorham

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8 Mr. Speaker:
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10 Your APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE, to whom
11 has been referred
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13 SENATE BILL 622, as amended
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15 has had it under consideration and reports same with
16 recommendation that it DO PASS, amended as follows:

- 17 1. Strike all House Education Committee amendments.
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24 Max Coll, Chairman
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The roll call vote was 15 For 0 Against

Yes: 15

Excused: Townsend, Wallace

Absent: None

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7 Mr. Speaker:
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9 Your EDUCATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

10 SENATE BILL 622, as amended
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12 has had it under consideration and reports same with
13 recommendation that it DO PASS, amended as follows:
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15 1. Strike Senate Education Committee Amendments 2 through
16 12 and 14.

17 2. On page 1, line 20, strike "eighteen" and insert in
18 lieu thereof "twenty-one".
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20 3. On page 2, line 12, strike "and".
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22 4. On page 2, line 14, strike "education." and insert in
23 lieu thereof "education; and".
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25 5. On page 2, between lines 14 and 15, insert a new
subparagraph "(9) three teachers appointed jointly by the

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national education association-New Mexico and New Mexico
federation of teachers. "

6. On page 4, line 5, after "session.", insert "The task
force's mandate will expire on January 30, 2000.".,

and thence referred to the APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE
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4 The roll call vote was 8 For 1 Against

5 Yes: 8

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7 Excused: Stapleton, Wright

8 Absent: Dana, Hamilton, Macko, Marquardt, Williams

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