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HOUSE BILL 726

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT; REQUIRING THAT AGENCIES PROVIDE ONE YEAR FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES TO OBTAIN A GENERAL EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT DIPLOMA AFTER EMPLOYMENT.

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

Section 1. ~~EMPLOYMENT--QUALIFICATIONS--PUBLIC AGENCIES.--~~

A. All positions in a public agency that require as a minimum qualification that the person employed in that position have obtained a general education development diploma shall allow individuals to be employed in those positions who have not obtained a general education development diploma provided that the new employee obtains a general education development diploma within one year from his date of employment.

B. If the new employee has not obtained a general

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1 education development diploma at the end of the first six
2 months of employment, he shall remain on probation until he
3 presents evidence to his employer that he obtained a general
4 education development diploma.

5 C. An employee who fails to obtain a general
6 education development diploma by the first anniversary of
7 employment, as required by this section, shall be removed from
8 his position.

9 D. As used in this section:

10 (1) "general education development diploma"
11 means a high school equivalency certificate, usually referred
12 to as a "GED"; and

13 (2) "public agency" means an agency of the
14 state or an agency of a subdivision of the state, including
15 universities and community colleges that receive state funds
16 and home rule municipalities.