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HOUSE BILL 837

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

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AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; REQUIRING NEW MEXICO HISTORY FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION; RECONCILING MULTIPLE AMENDMENTS TO THE SAME SECTION OF LAW IN LAWS 2001.

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

Section 1. Section 22-2-8.4 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1986, Chapter 33, Section 5, as amended by Laws 2001, Chapter 257, Section 1 and by Laws 2001, Chapter 276, Section 1) is amended to read:

"22-2-8.4. GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS. --

A. At the end of the eighth grade or during the ninth grade, each student shall prepare an individual program of study for grades nine through twelve. The program of study shall be signed by a student's parent or guardian.

B. [~~Beginning with students entering the ninth~~

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1 ~~grade in the 1986-87 school year]~~ Successful completion of a
2 minimum of twenty-three units shall be required for graduation.

3 These units shall be as follows:

4 (1) four units in English, with major emphasis
5 on grammar and literature;

6 (2) three units in mathematics;

7 (3) two units in science, one of which shall
8 have a laboratory component;

9 (4) three units in social science, which shall
10 include United States history, New Mexico history and
11 geography; world history and geography; and government and
12 economics;

13 (5) one unit in physical ~~[fitness]~~ education;

14 (6) one unit in communication skills, with
15 major emphasis on writing and speaking, which may include a
16 language other than English; and

17 (7) nine elective units. Only the following
18 elective units shall be counted toward meeting the requirements
19 for graduation: fine arts, i.e., music, band, chorus and art;
20 practical arts; physical education; languages other than
21 English; speech; drama; vocational education; mathematics;
22 science; English; ~~[R.O.T.C.]~~ reserve officers' training corps;
23 social science; computer science; health education; American
24 sign language; and other electives approved by the state board.

25 With the approval of the local school board, participation

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1 in a marching band, on an athletic team or in an athletic sport
2 during the school day may count toward fulfillment of the
3 physical education required unit.

4 C. Final examinations shall be administered to all
5 students in all classes offered for credit.

6 D. No student shall receive a high school diploma
7 who has not passed a state graduation examination in the
8 subject areas of reading, English, math, writing, science and
9 social science. Beginning with the 1996-97 school year, the
10 state graduation examinations on social science shall include a
11 section on the constitution of the United States and the
12 constitution of New Mexico. If a student exits from the school
13 system at the end of grade twelve without having passed a state
14 graduation examination, he shall receive an appropriate state
15 certificate indicating the number of credits earned and the
16 grade completed. If within five years after a student exits
17 from the school system he takes and passes the state graduation
18 examination, he may receive a high school diploma.

19 E. The state board may establish a policy to
20 provide for administrative interpretations to clarify
21 curricular and testing provisions of the Public School Code."