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HOUSE BILL 121

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

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FOR THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; PROVIDING FOR ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR SIZE ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM UNITS; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

Section 1. Section 22-8-23 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1975, Chapter 119, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

"22-8-23. SIZE ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM UNITS. --

A. An approved public school with a MEM of less than ~~[400]~~ four hundred, including early childhood education full-time-equivalent MEM but excluding membership in class C and class D programs and excluding full-time-equivalent membership in three- and four-year-old developmentally disabled programs, is eligible for additional program units. Separate schools established to provide special programs, including ~~[but~~

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1 ~~not limited to~~ vocational [~~and alternative~~] education, shall  
2 not be classified as public schools for purposes of generating  
3 size adjustment program units. Alternative schools approved by  
4 the department shall be eligible for size adjustment program  
5 units. The number of additional program units to which a  
6 school district is entitled under this subsection is the sum of  
7 elementary-junior high units and senior high units computed in  
8 the following manner:

9 Elementary- Junior High Units  
10  $200 - \text{MEM} \times 1.0 \times \text{MEM} = \text{Units}$   
11 200

12 where MEM is equal to the membership of an approved elementary  
13 or junior high school, including early childhood education  
14 full-time-equivalent membership but excluding membership in  
15 class C and class D programs and excluding full-time-equivalent  
16 membership in three- and four-year-old developmentally disabled  
17 programs;

18 Senior High Units  
19  $200 - \text{MEM} \times 2.0 \times \text{MEM} = \text{Units}$   
20 200

21 or

22 Senior High Units  
23  $400 - \text{MEM} \times 1.6 \times \text{MEM} = \text{Units}$   
24 400

25 whichever calculation for senior high units is higher, where

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1 MEM is equal to the membership of an approved senior high  
2 school excluding membership in class C and class D programs.

3 B. A school district with total MEM of less than  
4 [~~4,000~~] four thousand, including early childhood education  
5 full-time-equivalent MEM, is eligible for additional program  
6 units. The number of additional program units to which a  
7 district is entitled under this subsection is the number of  
8 district units computed in the following manner:

9 District Units

$$10 \quad \frac{4000 - MEM}{4000} \times 0.15 \times MEM = \text{Units}$$

11 4000

12 where MEM is equal to the total district membership, including  
13 early childhood education full-time-equivalent membership.

14 C. A school district with [~~over 10,000~~] more than  
15 ten thousand MEM with a ratio of MEM to senior high schools  
16 less than [~~4,000:1~~] four thousand to one is eligible for  
17 additional program units based on the number of approved  
18 regular senior high schools that are not eligible for senior  
19 high units under Subsection A of this section. The number of  
20 additional program units to which an eligible school district  
21 is entitled under this subsection is the number of units  
22 computed in the following manner:

$$23 \quad \frac{4000 - MEM}{4000} \times 0.50 = \text{Units}$$

24 Senior High Schools

25 where MEM is equal to the total district membership, including

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1 early childhood education full-time-equivalent membership, and  
2 where senior high schools are equal to the number of approved  
3 regular senior high schools in the district. "

4 Section 2. APPROPRIATION. -- Eight million one hundred  
5 thousand dollars (\$8,100,000) is appropriated from the general  
6 fund to the state department of public education for  
7 expenditure in fiscal year 2004 to fund additional program  
8 units generated by alternative school size adjustment program  
9 units. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the  
10 end of fiscal year 2004 shall revert to the general fund.

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