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SENATE BILL 231

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

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE; CHANGING THE CALCULATION FOR  
DETERMINING ENROLLMENT GROWTH PROGRAM UNITS; MAKING AN  
APPROPRIATION.

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

Section 1. Section 22-8-23.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1990  
(1st S.S.), Chapter 3, Section 7, as amended) is amended to  
read:

"22-8-23.1. ENROLLMENT GROWTH PROGRAM UNITS. --

A. A school district with an increase in MEM equal  
to or greater than one percent, when compared with the  
immediately preceding year, is eligible for additional program  
units. The increase in MEM shall be calculated as follows:

(Current Year MEM - Previous Year MEM) X 100 = Percent Increase  
Previous Year MEM

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1 The number of additional program units shall be calculated as  
2 follows:

3 ((Current Year MEM - Previous Year MEM) - (Current Year  
4 MEM x .01)) X Adjusted Average Units Per MEM = Units.

5 B. In addition to the units calculated in  
6 Subsection A of this section, a school district with an  
7 increase in MEM equal to or greater than one percent, when  
8 compared with the immediately preceding year, is eligible for  
9 additional program units. The increase in MEM shall be  
10 calculated in the following manner:

11 (Current Year MEM - Previous Year MEM)  
12 Previous Year MEM X 100 = Percent Increase.

13 The number of additional program units to which an eligible  
14 school district is entitled under this subsection is the number  
15 of units computed in the following manner:

16 ((Current Year MEM [for current year] - Previous Year MEM  
17 [for prior year]) X .50 = Units  
18 [where MEM is equal to the total district membership, including  
19 early childhood education full-time equivalent membership and  
20 special education membership].

21 C. As used in this section:

22 (1) "adjusted average units per MEM" means the  
23 statewide average number of units per current year MEM,  
24 excluding the units that are attributable to projected growth;

25 (2) "current year MEM" means MEM on the

1 fortieth day of the current year;

2 (3) "MEM" means the total school district  
3 membership, including early childhood education full-time  
4 equivalent membership and special education membership, but  
5 excluding full-day kindergarten membership for the first year  
6 that full-day kindergarten is implemented in a school pursuant  
7 to Subsection D of Section 22-2-19 NMSA 1978; and

8 (4) "previous year MEM" means MEM on the  
9 fortieth day of the previous year."

10 Section 2. APPROPRIATION. -- Six million three hundred  
11 thousand dollars (\$6,300,000) is appropriated from the general  
12 fund to the state department of public education for  
13 expenditure in fiscal year 2004 to fund the increase in  
14 enrollment growth program units for school districts. Any  
15 unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of  
16 fiscal year 2004 shall revert to the general fund.