

HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL 174

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2004

AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS; PROVIDING FOR A CAREER LICENSURE
FRAMEWORK FOR CERTAIN INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT PROVIDERS.

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

Section 1. A new section of the School Personnel Act is
enacted to read:

"~~[NEW MATERIAL]~~ INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT PROVIDERS--MINIMUM
SALARIES.--

A. This section applies to the instructional
support providers whose professional duties require a minimum
of a bachelor's or master's degree to practice in public
schools, including:

(1) speech and language pathologists and
audiologists;

(2) occupational therapists;

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- 1 (3) physical therapists;
- 2 (4) social workers;
- 3 (5) professional and supervisory school
- 4 nurses;
- 5 (6) school counselors;
- 6 (7) recreational therapists;
- 7 (8) psychologists; and
- 8 (9) diagnosticians.

9 B. The department shall establish a professional
10 career licensure framework for instructional support providers
11 as provided in Subsection A of this section. The framework
12 shall be similar to and aligned with the framework established
13 for teachers, with required progressive competencies and
14 duties, evaluations, professional development and comparable
15 salaries relative to training, experience and duties. The
16 department shall work with representatives of each of the
17 professions in establishing the framework.

18 C. The department shall make recommendations to the
19 legislative education study committee and the legislative
20 finance committee on the framework and recommended salary
21 ranges for professional instructional support providers by
22 November 1, 2004. The department shall make periodic reports
23 to the legislative education study committee and a final report
24 to that committee, the legislative finance committee and the
25 legislature by November 1, 2005 on the cost of the framework."

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