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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS; ALLOWING FOR THE CONTINUATION OF
FAMILY AND YOUTH RESOURCES PROGRAM GRANTS WHEN A SCHOOL'S
POVERTY LEVEL FLUCTUATES.

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

Section 1. Section 22-2D-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2003,
Chapter 153, Section 66) is amended to read:

"22-2D-3. PROGRAMS--PURPOSE--FUNCTIONS.--

A. A "family and youth resources program" may be
created in any public school in the state. Except as
provided in Subsection D of this section, the department
shall accept applications for grants from public schools in
which eighty percent of the students are eligible for the
free or reduced-fee lunch program to fund their program.

B. The purpose of the program is to provide an
intermediary for students and their families at public
schools to access social and health care services. The goal
of the program is to forge mutual long-term relationships
with public and private agencies and community-based, civic
and corporate organizations to help students attain high
academic achievement by meeting certain nonacademic needs of
students and their families.

C. A program shall include the employment of a
resource liaison, who shall:

1 (1) assess student and family needs and
2 match those needs with appropriate public or private
3 providers, including civic and corporate sponsors;

4 (2) make referrals to health care and social
5 service providers;

6 (3) collaborate and coordinate with health
7 and social service agencies and organizations through
8 school-based and off-site delivery systems;

9 (4) recruit service providers and business,
10 community and civic organizations to provide needed services
11 and goods that are not otherwise available to a student or
12 the student's family;

13 (5) establish partnerships between the
14 school and community organizations such as civic, business
15 and professional groups and organizations; and recreational,
16 social and after-school programs such as boys' and girls'
17 clubs and boy and girl scouts;

18 (6) identify and coordinate age-appropriate
19 resources for students in need of:

20 (a) counseling, training and placement
21 for employment;

22 (b) drug and alcohol abuse counseling;

23 (c) family crisis counseling; and

24 (d) mental health counseling;

25 (7) promote family support and parent

1 education programs; and

2 (8) seek out other services or goods a
3 student or the student's family needs to assist the student
4 to stay in school and succeed.

5 D. A public school or group of public schools that
6 has received a grant to establish a family and youth
7 resources program may continue to be eligible for funding if
8 its percentage of students eligible for the free or
9 reduced-fee price lunch program drops below eighty percent,
10 so long as it maintains an average of eighty percent or
11 more for any three-year period."

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