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HOUSE BILL 286

49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2010

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS; CHANGING THE DATE FOR PUBLICATION
OF SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL ACCOUNTABILITY REPORTS.

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

Section 1. Section 22-2C-11 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2003,
Chapter 153, Section 20, as amended) is amended to read:

"22-2C-11. ASSESSMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM
REPORTING--PARENT SURVEY--DATA SYSTEM--FISCAL INFORMATION.--

A. The department shall:

(1) issue a state identification number for
each public school student for use in the accountability data
system;

(2) adopt the format for reporting individual
student assessments to parents. The student assessments shall
report each student's progress and academic needs as measured

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1 against state standards;

2 (3) adopt the format for reporting annual
3 yearly progress of public schools, school districts and the
4 department. If the department has adopted a state improving
5 schools program, the annual accountability report shall include
6 the results of that program for each public school. The annual
7 accountability report format shall be clear, concise and
8 understandable to parents and the general public. All annual
9 accountability reports shall ensure that the privacy of
10 individual students is protected; and

11 (4) require that when public schools, school
12 districts and the state disaggregate and report school data for
13 demographic subgroups, they include data disaggregated by
14 gender.

15 B. Local school boards may establish additional
16 indicators through which to measure the school district's
17 performance in areas other than adequate yearly progress.

18 C. The school district's annual accountability
19 report shall include a report of graduation rates for each
20 public high school in the school district. As part of the
21 graduation rate data, the school district shall indicate
22 contributing factors to nongraduation such as transfer out of
23 the school district, pregnancy, dropout and other factors as
24 known.

25 D. The school district's annual accountability

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1 report shall include the results of a survey of parents' views
2 of the quality of their children's school. The survey shall be
3 conducted each year in time to include the results in the
4 annual accountability report. The survey shall compile the
5 results of a written questionnaire that shall be sent home with
6 the students to be given to their parents. The survey may be
7 completed anonymously. The survey shall be no more than one
8 page, shall be clearly and concisely written and shall include
9 not more than twenty questions that shall be answered with
10 options of a simple sliding scale ranging from "strongly agree"
11 to "strongly disagree" and shall include the optional response
12 "don't know". The survey shall also include a request for
13 optional written comments, which may be written on the back of
14 the questionnaire form. The questionnaire shall include
15 questions in the following areas:

- 16 (1) parent-teacher-school relationship and
17 communication;
- 18 (2) quality of educational and extracurricular
19 programs;
- 20 (3) instructional practices and techniques;
- 21 (4) resources;
- 22 (5) school employees, including the school
23 principal; and
- 24 (6) parents' views of teaching staff
25 expectations for the students.

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1 E. The department shall develop no more than ten of
2 the survey questions, which shall be reviewed by the
3 legislative education study committee prior to implementation.
4 No more than five survey questions shall be developed by the
5 local school board, and no more than five survey questions
6 shall be developed by the staffs of each public school;
7 provided that at least one-half of those questions shall be
8 developed by teachers rather than school administrators, in
9 order to gather information that is specific to the particular
10 community surveyed. The questionnaires shall indicate the
11 public school site and shall be tabulated by the department
12 within thirty days of receipt and shall be returned to the
13 respective schools to be disseminated to all parents.

14 F. The school district's annual accountability
15 report shall be adopted by the local school board, shall be
16 published no later than [~~November~~] March 15 of each year and
17 shall be published at least once each school year in a
18 newspaper of general circulation in the county where the school
19 district is located. In publication, the report shall be
20 titled "The School District Report Card" and disseminated in
21 accordance with guidelines established by the department to
22 ensure effective communication with parents, students,
23 educators, local policymakers and business and community
24 organizations.

25 G. The annual accountability report shall include

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1 the names of those local school board members who failed to
2 attend annual mandatory training.

3 H. The annual accountability report shall include
4 data on expenditures for central office administration and
5 expenditures for the public schools of the school district.

6 I. The department shall create an accountability
7 data system through which data from each public school and each
8 school district may be compiled and reviewed. The department
9 shall provide the resources to train school district personnel
10 in the use of the accountability data system.

11 J. The department shall verify data submitted by
12 the school districts.

13 K. At the end of fiscal year 2005, after the budget
14 approval cycle, the department shall produce a report to the
15 legislature that shows for all school districts using
16 performance-based program budgeting the relationship between
17 that portion of a school district's program cost generated by
18 each public school in the school district and the budgeted
19 expenditures for each public school in the school district as
20 reported in the district's performance-based program budget.
21 At the end of fiscal year 2006 and subsequent fiscal years,
22 after the budget approval cycle, the department shall report on
23 this relationship in all public schools in all school districts
24 in the state.

25 L. When all public schools are participating in

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1 performance-based budgeting, the department shall recommend
2 annually to the legislature for inclusion in the general
3 appropriation act the maximum percentage of appropriations that
4 may be expended in each school district for central office
5 administration.

6 M. The department shall disseminate its statewide
7 accountability report to school districts; the governor,
8 legislators and other policymakers; and business and economic
9 development organizations."