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SENATE BILL 203

50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2011

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AN ACT

RELATING TO SCHOOL PERSONNEL; REQUIRING LICENSURE OF SCHOOL
BUSINESS OFFICIALS.

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] SCHOOL BUSINESS OFFICIAL--LICENSURE--
PROFESSIONAL LICENSING FRAMEWORK--MANDATORY TRAINING.--

A. As used in this section, "school business
official" means a person, other than a local superintendent or
charter school administrator, charged with the direct
management of the business operations of a school district or
charter school or any supervisor, director or manager of
accounting or bookkeeping in a school district or charter
school.

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1 B. The department shall license school business
2 officials and may provide a professional licensing framework in
3 which licensees may advance in their careers through the
4 demonstration of increased competencies and responsibilities.

5 C. The department shall provide by rule for the
6 requirements for initial and continuing licensure, including:

7 (1) professional competencies that licensees
8 are required to demonstrate;

9 (2) ethics and reporting requirements;

10 (3) continuing education and professional
11 development requirements;

12 (4) the grounds for denying, suspending or
13 revoking a school official license; and

14 (5) other requirements determined by the
15 department.

16 D. The department shall follow the procedures in
17 the Uniform Licensing Act when denying, suspending or revoking
18 a school business official license.

19 E. The department shall track applications for
20 licensure and denials, suspensions and revocations of school
21 business official licenses to ensure that all school business
22 officials employed by school districts and charter schools hold
23 current licenses and are qualified for the positions in which
24 they are employed.

25 F. The department shall assess the quality of and

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1 enforcement of continuing education and professional
2 development requirements for school business official
3 licensure.

4 G. The department shall require mandatory training
5 for local superintendents and charter school administrators in
6 the evaluation of school business officials, including how to
7 assess school business official competencies."