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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS; BROADENING THE LOCATION OF AREA  
VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOLS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 22-5-4.8 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1999,  
Chapter 219, Section 19) is amended to read:

"22-5-4.8. AREA VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOLS.--

A. A local school board, alone or in cooperation  
with other local school boards, may develop a plan for the  
establishment of an area vocational high school. The plan  
shall be submitted to the department for its approval.

B. The department may approve a plan for an area  
vocational high school if the plan adequately provides for:

(1) sufficient financing for the operation  
of the school, which may include an election for a special  
levy not to exceed one dollar (\$1.00) for each one thousand  
dollars (\$1,000) of net taxable value, and that may be in  
addition to levies authorized by the College District Tax  
Act;

(2) a broad vocational and technical  
education program serving a sufficient number of students to  
achieve economic viability; and

(3) compliance with the state plan for  
vocational education."