

1 AN ACT
2 RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS; REQUIRING THE PUBLIC EDUCATION
3 DEPARTMENT TO CREATE AN ANNUAL REPORT OF ALL STUDENTS WHO ARE
4 SCHOOL-AGE AND HAVE NOT GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL WITHIN
5 FOUR YEARS FROM ENTERING NINTH GRADE AND TO PROVIDE THE
6 REPORT UPON REQUEST TO CERTAIN RECIPIENTS WHO PROVIDE ADULT
7 EDUCATION OR PROGRAMMING TO ATTAIN A HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY
8 CREDENTIAL.

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

11 SECTION 1. A new section of the Public School Code is
12 enacted to read:

13 "ANNUAL REPORT OF ALL OUT-OF-COHORT STUDENTS.--

14 A. No later than July 15 after each school year,
15 the department shall create a report of the directory
16 information for all out-of-cohort students who were enrolled
17 in a public school in any one of the immediately preceding
18 four school years.

19 B. Upon request, the department shall provide the
20 report created pursuant to Subsection A of this section to the
21 higher education department, public post-secondary educational
22 institutions, school districts or charter schools, the
23 legislative education study committee, the legislative finance
24 committee and New Mexico-based adult basic education providers
25 or workforce development programs that provide programming for

1 out-of-cohort students attaining a high school diploma, a
2 high school equivalency credential or workforce credentials.

3 C. As used in this section, "out-of-cohort
4 students" means school-age persons who have not graduated
5 from high school within four years from entering the ninth
6 grade."

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