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HOUSE BILL 67

42ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1996

INTRODUCED BY

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FOR THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; ENACTING THE SCHOOL-TO-WORK OPPORTUNITIES ACT; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

Section 1. SHORT TITLE. -- This act may be cited as the "School-to-Work Opportunities Act".

Section 2. PURPOSE OF ACT. -- The purpose of the School-to-Work Opportunities Act is to:

A. establish the school-to-work system to facilitate statewide planning for the school-to-work system and to create working relationships among public schools, public post-secondary institutions and the business community to provide positive opportunities for students in the work force;

B. provide for a school-based educational system that integrates technology, training in the use of workplace

1 resources and skills development to prepare students for the
2 challenges of the workplace; and

3 C. establish procedures for assisting in the
4 transition of students into the workplace, a job training
5 program or a post-secondary institution.

6 Section 3. DEFINITIONS.--As used in the School-to-Work
7 Opportunities Act:

8 A. "board" means the quality work force advisory
9 board;

10 B. "department" means the state department of public
11 education; and

12 C. "division" means the vocational education
13 division of the department.

14 Section 4. DEPARTMENT DUTIES.--The department shall:

15 A. implement the provisions of the School-to-Work
16 Opportunities Act; and

17 B. establish, in cooperation with public school
18 districts, public post-secondary institutions and communities, a
19 school-to-work system to include:

20 (1) a work-based component emphasizing job
21 training, job placement in the business community and workplace
22 mentoring services;

23 (2) a school-based component emphasizing
24 community involvement in career counseling and placement and
25 integration of academic and vocational education; and

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1 (3) a component that places students with
2 community business employers for the purpose of encouraging job
3 placement, continuing education and skills development in the
4 workplace.

5 Section 5. SCHOOL-TO-WORK SYSTEM --The department shall
6 administer the school-to-work system and shall:

7 A. coordinate all federal and state efforts
8 regarding the school-to-work system;

9 B. provide school-to-work staff development training
10 to teachers, employers, mentors, counselors and other related
11 personnel;

12 C. establish procedures to encourage participation
13 by students in the school-to-work system;

14 D. establish procedures that assist in the
15 transition of students from school to job placement sites;

16 E. assist employers in developing criteria for job
17 placement programs for student participants;

18 F. expand career and academic counseling at
19 elementary and secondary schools to include school-to-work
20 system principles and methodology;

21 G. adopt a school-to-work system for students with
22 disabilities and for students who are at risk of dropping out of
23 school; and

24 H. develop long-range plans for a statewide school-
25 to-work system, including plans to ensure financial stability of

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1 the school-to-work system in the event federal resources are no
2 longer available to the department.

3 Section 6. QUALITY WORK FORCE ADVISORY BOARD--CREATION--
4 APPOINTMENT--MEMBERSHIP.--There is created within the department
5 a "quality work force advisory board" whose members shall be
6 appointed by the governor from a list of recommendations
7 submitted by the president of the state board of education. The
8 board shall be composed of twenty members to include:

- 9 A. one representative from the governor's office;
- 10 B. two representatives from the division, one of
11 whom shall be the division's gender equity coordinator;
- 12 C. two representatives from the labor department,
13 one of whom shall be appointed from the state employment sector;
- 14 D. one representative from the department's
15 vocational rehabilitation division;
- 16 E. one representative from a two-year post-secondary
17 educational institution;
- 18 F. one representative from the economic development
19 department;
- 20 G. two representatives from organized labor;
- 21 H. five representatives from the business and
22 industry sector;
- 23 I. one representative from the disabled community;
- 24 J. three representatives from the public schools,
25 including an administrator, a teacher and a school counselor;

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1 and

2 K. one representative from the New Mexico council on
3 vocational education.

4 Section 7. BOARD PURPOSE AND DUTIES. --

5 A. The purpose of the board is to establish
6 guidelines for the use and renewal of federal and state funds
7 for the school-to-work system and guidelines for the
8 implementation of the school-to-work programs developed by the
9 department.

10 B. The board shall:

11 (1) make recommendations to the department
12 regarding compliance with rules and regulations for the
13 administration of federal and state school-to-work funds; and

14 (2) establish criteria for evaluations of
15 school-to-work programs.

16 Section 8. ANNUAL REPORT. --The department shall submit a
17 report to the legislative education study committee annually
18 regarding how funds are spent by the department for the school-
19 to-work system, the progress of the school-to-work programs and
20 data documenting the success of students and employers
21 participating in the school-to-work system.

22 Section 9. APPROPRIATION. --One hundred fifty thousand
23 dollars (\$150,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
24 state department of public education for expenditure in fiscal
25 year 1997 to establish a school-to-work system to facilitate

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1 statewide planning for school-to-work opportunities and to
2 create working relationships among public schools, public post-
3 secondary educational institutions and the business community to
4 provide school-to-work opportunities for students in the work
5 force. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the
6 end of fiscal year 1997 shall revert to the general fund.

7 Section 10. EFFECTIVE DATE. --The effective date of the
8 provisions of this act is July 1, 1996.

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State of New Mexico House of Representatives

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SECOND SESSION, 1996

January 30, 1996

Mr. Speaker:

Your RULES AND ORDER OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE, to
whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and finds same to be
GERMANE in accordance with constitutional provisions.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Perea Casey,

Chairperson

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Not Adopted _____

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4 The roll call vote was 8 For 0 Against

5 Yes: 8

6 Excused: Nicely, Olguin, Pederson, R. G. Sanchez, J. G. Taylor,

7 Wallach, S. Williams

8 Absent: None

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