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HOUSE BILL 94

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

INTRODUCED BY

J. PAUL TAYLOR

FOR THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; ENACTING THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACT; MAKING APPROPRIATIONS.

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

Section 1. A new section of the Public School Code is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] SHORT TITLE.--This act may be cited as the "Professional Development Act". "

Section 2. A new section of the Public School Code is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] PURPOSE OF ACT.--It is the purpose of the Professional Development Act to:

- A. establish a framework for professional development within the department of education to facilitate statewide planning and adoption of professional development

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1 programs in school districts to ensure that New Mexico public
2 schools have a quality work force;

3 B. provide school personnel with a variety of
4 professional development opportunities and ongoing support to
5 ensure integration of effective teaching strategies, learning
6 technologies and use of resources in the educational process to
7 enhance student learning and performance; and

8 C. establish a funding mechanism that supports the
9 development of an effective school personnel work force for the
10 benefit of all students in New Mexico. "

11 Section 3. A new section of the Public School Code is
12 enacted to read:

13 "[NEW MATERIAL] STATE BOARD DUTIES--PROFESSIONAL
14 DEVELOPMENT PLANS.--The state board shall:

15 A. administer the provisions of the Professional
16 Development Act;

17 B. develop and adopt, in cooperation with school
18 districts and their communities, a professional development
19 framework with criteria for schools and school districts to use
20 in creating plans for professional development consistent with
21 school, school district, state and national goals that will
22 enhance student achievement and performance;

23 C. assist schools and school districts to develop a
24 comprehensive plan based on the state board's planning
25 framework;

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1 D. develop and administer a process for the review
2 and approval of school district professional development plans;
3 and

4 E. distribute funds to school districts upon
5 approval of each school district's professional development plan
6 as addressed in its educational plan for student success."

7 Section 4. A new section of the Public School Code is
8 enacted to read:

9 "[NEW MATERIAL] SCHOOL DISTRICTS--PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
10 PLANS.--

11 A. A school district shall adopt and implement a
12 professional development plan for its local school board and all
13 administrators, teachers and other personnel employed by the
14 district. The professional development plan shall be updated
15 annually to ensure that the proposed plan is consistent with
16 national, state and school district goals and objectives.

17 B. Each school district shall submit a proposed
18 professional development plan to the state board that meets
19 state board professional development guidelines and standards.

20 C. Proposed professional development plans shall:

- 21 (1) be developed in collaboration with
22 certified and noncertified school personnel;
- 23 (2) show evidence of how the plans will enhance
24 student academic achievement and support the attainment of
25 school district, state and national goals; and

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1 (3) include a parent and community involvement
2 component and appropriate evaluation procedures.

3 D. Proposed professional development plans shall be
4 designed to respond to local needs and may include the
5 following:

6 (1) standards-based educational reform
7 innovations that will assist in the attainment of national and
8 state educational goals and content standards, with benchmarks
9 and supporting assessment practices;

10 (2) knowledge and skills to assist teachers in
11 meeting the individual needs of students, the needs of limited
12 language-proficient students and the complex challenges
13 encountered in the classroom;

14 (3) knowledge and skills to assist in the use
15 of technology in education and technology applications that will
16 enhance student learning and professional development, such as
17 technology-enhanced curricula and instruction and administrative
18 resources and services for the public schools;

19 (4) professional development activities to
20 assist teachers in preparing for national certification through
21 the national board for professional teaching standards;

22 (5) career ladder programs for educational
23 assistants and noncertified school employees to improve job-
24 related skills; and

25 (6) methods to successfully implement

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1 inclusion, transition and unified systems to meet the local
2 needs of all students with developmental disabilities."

3 Section 5. APPROPRIATIONS. --

4 A. Four million five hundred fifty-five thousand
5 dollars (\$4,555,000) is appropriated from the general fund to
6 the state department of public education for expenditure in
7 fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for the purpose of making
8 distributions on a per unit basis to school districts to
9 implement approved professional development plans. Any
10 unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of
11 fiscal year 1999 shall revert to the general fund.

12 B. Four hundred forty-five thousand dollars
13 (\$445,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the state
14 department of public education for expenditure in fiscal year
15 1998 for the purpose of making an equal distribution to each
16 school district to design a professional development plan. Any
17 unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of
18 fiscal year 1998 shall revert to the general fund.

State of New Mexico House of Representatives

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February 7, 1997

Mr. Speaker:

Your EDUCATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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**has had it under consideration and reports same with
recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the
APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

Respectfully submitted,

Samuel F. Vigil, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 5 For 4 Against

Yes: 5

No: Garnenez, Mallory, W.C. Williams, Vigil

Excused: Gonzales, McSherry, Nicely, Weeks

Absent: None

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