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HOUSE BILL 1197

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

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AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; REQUIRING THAT A PERSON WHO DOES NOT GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL OR DOES NOT RECEIVE A GENERAL EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA DEMONSTRATE THAT HE CAN READ AT A SEVENTH-GRADE LEVEL PRIOR TO RECEIVING ANY FORM OF STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

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

Section 1. READING LEVEL--FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. --A person who has not graduated from high school or has not received a general equivalency diploma shall not be eligible to receive any form of state financial assistance until he demonstrates that he has the ability to read at a seventh-grade level.

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