SENATE BILL 65

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

INTRODUCED BY

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FOR THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS; REQUIRING THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC EDUCATION TO ADOPT PROCEDURES TO ENSURE THAT SCHOOL
DISTRICTS COMPLY WITH ACCOUNTING AND BUDGETING REGULATIONS;
DIRECTING THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION TO PROMULGATE
REGULATIONS REQUIRING SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO SUBMIT ANNUAL
ACCOUNTING AND BUDGETING REPORTS.

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

Section 1. Section 22-8-5 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1967,
Chapter 16, Section 59, as amended) is amended to read:

"22-8-5. MANUAL OF ACCOUNTING AND BUDGETING.--

A. The department shall compile and publish a manual
prescribing detailed regulations for a uniform system of
accounting and budgeting of funds for all public schools and
school districts of the state. The manual of regulations and

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1   any revision or amendments thereto shall become effective only

2   upon approval by the state board [of education] and the

3   legislative finance committee, filing with the state records

4   center and publication. A copy shall also be filed with the

5   department of finance and administration.

6   B.   All public schools and school districts shall

7   comply with the regulations prescribed in the manual of

8   accounting and budgeting and shall, upon request, submit

9   additional reports concerning finances to the department. In

10   addition, upon request, all public schools and school districts

11   shall file reports with the department containing pertinent

12   details regarding applications for federal money or federal

13   grants-in-aid or regarding federal money or federal grants-in-

14   aid received, including but not limited to details of programs,

15   matching funds, personnel requirements, salary provisions and

16   program numbers, as indicated in the catalog of federal domestic

17   assistance, of the federal funds applied for and of those

18   received.

19   C.   The department shall develop procedures for

20   ensuring that school districts comply with the regulations

21   prescribed in the manual of accounting and budgeting. The

22   department shall require school districts to submit annually a

23   report on the district's internal control policies and

24   procedures. The report shall be submitted with each budget

25   request required pursuant to Section 22-8-12.1 NMSA 1978,

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1   include information on the internal control structure for all

2   school district transactions and specify the individuals

3   involved in the accounting and budgeting process during the

4   accounting cycle.

5   [C.] D.   Upon request by the department of finance

6   and administration, the legislative finance committee or the

7   legislative education study committee, the [state] department

8   [of public education] shall timely furnish information and data

9   obtained from public schools and school districts pursuant to

10   Subsection B of this section.   Additionally, prior to the

11   approval of temporary budgets, the department shall advise each

12   school district and the state auditor of the minimum

13   requirements for independent school district audits for the

14   ensuing fiscal year.

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Mr. President:

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cynthia Nava, Chairman

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9   Excused: Garcia, Maloof

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