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HOUSE BILL 435

44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999

INTRODUCED BY

Rhonda S. King

AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; PROVIDING FOR A PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM THAT PREPARES TEACHERS TO TEACH DEMOCRACY;
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

Section 1. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM - TEACHING
DEMOCRACY. --

A. The state department of public education shall
develop and conduct a professional development program for
teachers on the subject of democracy and the roles of citizens
and government in society.

B. The department shall collaborate with
nonpartisan civic and political education organizations and
the division of continuing education at the university of New
Mexico in the development of the program curricula and

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1 preparation of lesson plans for all grades.

2 C. The professional development program shall
3 include accountability measures to ensure that participants
4 are adequately prepared to teach democracy and the role of
5 government in society.

6 D. Public school teachers who have a contract with
7 a school district to teach democracy, government, social
8 studies, history or similar courses may be reimbursed the cost
9 of tuition if they successfully complete the professional
10 development program, including meeting the accountability
11 requirements of the program.

12 Section 2. APPROPRIATION. -- Seventy-five thousand dollars
13 (\$75,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the state
14 department of public education for expenditure in fiscal year
15 2000 to carry out the provisions of Section 1 of this act.
16 Money from this appropriation may be expended to pay the costs
17 of developing the program and provide tuition reimbursement as
18 provided in Section 1 of this act. Any unexpended or
19 unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2000
20 shall revert to the general fund.

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8 Mr. Speaker:

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10 Your EDUCATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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14 has had it under consideration and reports same with
15 recommendation that it DO PASS, amended as follows:

16 1. On page 1, line 12, strike "DEMOCRACY" and insert
17 "UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION".

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19 2. On page 1, line 17, strike "DEMOCRACY" and insert
20 "UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION".

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22 3. On page 1, line 20, strike "democracy" and insert
23 "United States Constitution".

24 4. On page 2, line 4, strike "democracy" and insert
25 "United States Constitution".

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5. On page 2, line 7, strike "democracy" and insert
"United States Constitution".,
and thence referred to the APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE
COMMI TTEE.

Respectfully submit ted,

Rick Mi era, Chair man

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4 The roll call vote was 9 For 0 Against

5 Yes: 9

6 Excused: Begaye, Blanton, Gonzales, Hamilton, Dana, Marquardt,
7 Stapleton, Wright

8 Absent: None

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