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HOUSE BILL 603

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

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; ESTABLISHING AN ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL IN SANDOVAL COUNTY; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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 ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL. --

A. The department of education shall establish the "alternative education pilot program" in Sandoval county to provide alternative educational programs to students in grades eight through twelve to run from July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2003.

B. The alternative education pilot program shall provide the following:

- (1) eighth-grade transition programs that

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1 include:

2 (a) after-school programs for eighth-
3 grade students failing two or more core classes;

4 (b) eighth-grade summer programs for
5 eighth-grade students who failed two or more core classes; and

6 (c) transition programs for eighth-
7 grade students who do not successfully complete either program
8 described in Subparagraphs (a) and (b) of this paragraph;

9 (2) high school alternative day programs that
10 provide:

11 (a) six to eight classrooms for high
12 school students that would not succeed on a conventional high
13 school campus;

14 (b) a variety of educational approaches
15 and strategies;

16 (c) opportunities for educational
17 technology; and

18 (d) school-to-work connections;

19 (3) high school accelerated programs for
20 school dropouts that provide:

21 (a) educational-technology-based
22 learning programs on site or from remote locations;

23 (b) opportunities for acceleration and
24 advanced learning; and

25 (c) links with community colleges and

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1 work force development programs; and

2 (4) evening school programs for students who
3 have failed a day school course, seek to accelerate their high
4 school program or choose to take a course for enrichment or
5 for college credit that provides:

6 (a) conventional courses from the Rio
7 Rancho high school program of studies;

8 (b) enrichment courses, including
9 courses in the area of technology and the arts;

10 (c) educational-technology-based
11 learning programs on site or from remote location;

12 (d) opportunities for acceleration and
13 advanced learning; and

14 (e) links with community colleges and
15 work force development programs.

16 C. The department of education shall request
17 funding for the alternative education pilot project in its
18 annual agency budget request.

19 D. The department of education shall report to the
20 legislative education study committee on the progress of the
21 alternative education pilot program by November 1, 2002. "

22 Section 2. APPROPRIATION. --Five hundred thousand dollars
23 (\$500,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the state
24 department of public education for expenditure in fiscal years
25 2000 through 2003 for the purpose of funding the operational

1 costs of the alternative education pilot program in Sandoval
2 county. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at
3 the end of fiscal year 2003 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, and thence referred to the
16 APPROPRIATIONS & FINANCE COMMITTEE.

17 Respectfully submitted,
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22 Rick Miera, Chairman
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The roll call vote was 16 For 0 Against

Yes: 16

Excused: None

Absent: None

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