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HOUSE BILL 806

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

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; CREATING A TASK FORCE TO REVIEW MERIT
PAY FOR TEACHERS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

Section 1. TEACHER MERIT PAY TASK FORCE CREATED. -- The
"teacher merit pay task force" is created.

Section 2. MEMBERSHIP-- APPOINTMENT-- VACANCIES--
COMPENSATION. --

A. The teacher merit pay task force shall be
composed of eighteen members.

B. Members of the task force shall be appointed as
follows:

(1) three members appointed by the speaker of
the house of representatives;

(2) two members appointed by the minority

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- 1 leader of the house of representatives;
- 2 (3) three members appointed by the president
- 3 pro tempore of the senate;
- 4 (4) two members appointed by the minority
- 5 leader of the senate;
- 6 (5) one member of the governor's staff
- 7 appointed by the governor;
- 8 (6) three members of the business community,
- 9 who are not employed in education services, appointed by the
- 10 governor;
- 11 (7) three school parents, who are not
- 12 employed in education services, appointed by the governor; and
- 13 (8) one member appointed by the state board
- 14 of education.

15 C. Vacancies on the task force shall be filled by
16 appointment in the same manner as the original appointments.

17 D. The speaker of the house of representatives and
18 the president pro tempore of the senate shall each designate
19 one co-chairman of the task force.

20 E. The members of the task force shall be paid
21 pursuant to the Per Diem and Mileage Act and shall receive no
22 other perquisite, compensation or allowance.

23 Section 3. DUTIES.--

24 A. After its appointment, the teacher merit task
25 force shall hold one organizational meeting to develop a work

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1 plan.

2 B. The task force shall hold monthly meetings.

3 C. The task force shall examine the statutes,
4 constitutional provisions, rules and court decisions governing
5 merit pay for teachers in New Mexico and shall recommend
6 legislation or changes, if any are found, to the legislature.

7 D. The task force shall examine what other states
8 have done to recognize the importance of rewarding educators
9 who strive to improve the quality of education and student
10 performance.

11 E. The task force shall examine what other states
12 have done to provide incentives for educators who improve
13 student performance in the classroom and who decrease the
14 dropout rate in their classrooms.

15 F. The task force shall examine what other states
16 have done to reward educators who demonstrate the achievement
17 of excellence with their students.

18 G. The task force shall examine what other states
19 have done to compensate educators who assume additional
20 educational responsibilities.

21 H. The task force shall examine how to increase
22 New Mexico's educational proficiency as compared to other
23 states and what role teachers can contribute to student
24 proficiency.

25 I. The task force shall determine standards for

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1 teacher merit pay in the classroom and schools in New Mexico.

2 Section 4. REPORT.--The teacher merit task force shall
3 make a report of its findings and recommendations for the
4 consideration of the legislative education study committee
5 preceding each session.

6 Section 5. STAFF.--The staff for the teacher merit task
7 force shall be provided by the legislative education study
8 committee and the legislative council service.

9 Section 6. APPROPRIATION.--Twenty-five thousand dollars
10 (\$25,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
11 legislative council service for expenditure in fiscal year
12 2000 to assist the teacher merit pay task force in carrying
13 out its duties. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance
14 remaining at the end of fiscal year 2000 shall revert to the
15 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 2, line 12, strike "and".

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18 2. On page 2, line 14, strike "education." and insert
19 in lieu thereof "education; and".

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21 3. On page 2, between lines 14 and 15, insert a new
22 subparagraph "(9) three teachers appointed jointly by the
23 national education association-New Mexico and New Mexico
24 federation of teachers."

25 4. On page 4, line 5, strike "preceding each session" and

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insert in lieu thereof "before the next legislative session.
The task force's mandate will expire on January 03, 2000.".,
and thence referred to the APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE
COMMI TTEE.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Mi era, Chair man

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4 The roll call vote was 10 For 5 Against

5 Yes: 10

6 No: Beam, King, Miera, Stapleton, Wright

7 Excused: Burpo

8 Absent: None

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7 Mr. Speaker:
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9 Your APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE, to
10 whom has been referred

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13 has had it under consideration and reports same with
14 recommendation that it DO PASS, amended as follows:
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16 1. On page 1, line 12, after "SCH00LS" strike the
17 remainder of the line and insert in lieu thereof a period.

18 2. On page 2, strike lines 20 thru 22.
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20 3. On page 4, strike Section 6 in its entirety.
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Respectfully submitted,

Max Coll, Chairman

Adopted _____

Not Adopted _____

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Date _____

The roll call vote was 13 For 0 Against

Yes: 13

Excused: Larrañaga, Marquardt, Salazar, Watchman

Absent: None

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