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HOUSE BILL 825

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

INTRODUCED BY

James Roger Madalena

AN ACT

**RELATING TO EDUCATION; CREATING THE OFFICE OF INDIAN EDUCATION
IN THE NEW MEXICO OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS; REPEALING AND
ENACTING SECTIONS OF THE NMSA 1978; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

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

**Section 1. OFFICE OF INDIAN EDUCATION--CREATED. -- The
"office of Indian education" is created as a subdivision of
the New Mexico office of Indian affairs. The New Mexico
commission on Indian affairs shall set policy and direct the
projects and programs undertaken by the office of Indian
education through the executive director of the New Mexico
office of Indian affairs. The director and staff of the
office of Indian education shall be under the supervision of
the executive director of the New Mexico office of Indian
affairs.**

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1 Section 2. OFFICE OF INDIAN EDUCATION--DIRECTOR. --The
2 executive director of the New Mexico office of Indian affairs
3 shall appoint the director of the office of Indian education
4 with the approval of the New Mexico commission on Indian
5 affairs.

6 Section 3. OFFICE OF INDIAN EDUCATION--DUTIES--
7 RESPONSIBILITIES. --The office of Indian education of the New
8 Mexico office of Indian affairs shall:

9 A. provide assistance to public school districts,
10 public schools and Indian students to improve the educational
11 performance of Indian students in New Mexico;

12 B. provide assistance to school districts in
13 planning, development, implementation and evaluation of
14 curricula designed to improve the success of Indian students
15 in the public school system in the state;

16 C. coordinate with public schools in developing
17 programs to better prepare Indian students for post-secondary
18 education;

19 D. work closely with the public schools to
20 increase the retention rate of Indian students in secondary
21 schools and to encourage students who have dropped out of
22 school to return to public school or to enter alternative
23 schooling programs to receive their high school diplomas;

24 E. provide assistance to public schools in
25 developing culturally appropriate programming for Indian

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1 students of all ages; and

2 F. carry out the duties assigned to it by the New
3 Mexico commission on Indian affairs.

4 Section 4. APPROPRIATION. -- Two hundred fifty thousand
5 dollars (\$250,000) is appropriated from the general fund to
6 the New Mexico office of Indian affairs for expenditure in
7 fiscal year 2000 for the purpose of carrying out the duties of
8 the office of Indian education of the New Mexico office of
9 Indian affairs. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance
10 remaining at the end of fiscal year 2000 shall revert to the
11 general fund.

12 Section 5. REPEAL. -- Sections 22-2-11 through 22-2-13
13 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1975 (1st S.S.), Chapter 8, Sections 1
14 through 3) are repealed.

15 Section 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. -- The effective date of the
16 provisions of this act is July 1, 1999.

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10 **Mr. Speaker:**

11 **Your EDUCATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred**
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15 **has had it under consideration and reports same with**
16 **recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the**
17 **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

18 **Respectfully submitted,**
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23 **Rick Miera, Chairman**
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The roll call vote was 12 For 0 Against

Yes: 12

Excused: Gonzales, Miera, Stapleton, Williams

Absent: None

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