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HOUSE BILL 217

50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2011

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS; REQUIRING FIELD TRIPS TO JAILS AND
JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITIES FOR SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE
CLASSES.

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]~~ MIDDLE SCHOOLS--FIELD TRIPS TO JAILS AND
JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITIES.--Every school district shall
institute in every middle school in the school district a
delinquency deterrence program that requires field trips to
jails and juvenile detention facilities for seventh and eighth
grade classes. A student must go on at least one field trip to
a jail or juvenile detention facility in the seventh and eighth
grades, unless the student's parent signs a waiver of

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1 participation. The middle school shall provide an alternative
2 learning experience about the consequences of juvenile and
3 adult crime to a student whose parent has waived participation
4 in the field trip."

5 SECTION 2. APPLICABILITY.--The provisions of this act
6 apply to the 2011-2012 and subsequent school years.