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SENATE BILL 304

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

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC EDUCATION; ENACTING THE FULL-SERVICE
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ACT.

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] SHORT TITLE.--This act may be cited as the
"Full-Service Community Schools Act"."

SECTION 2. A new section of the Public School Code is
enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] FULL-SERVICE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PROGRAM--
PURPOSE--FUNCTIONS.--

A. A "full-service community school" program may be
created in any public school in the state.

B. The purpose of a full-service community school

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1 program is to partner with federal, state and local entities
2 and private community-based organizations to provide
3 educational service programs that improve the coordination,
4 delivery, effectiveness and efficiency of services provided to
5 children and families, including wide-ranged school-based
6 health care, extended learning hours and family engagement and
7 support services.

8 C. A full-service community school shall include
9 the following core set of services on site:

10 (1) extended learning experiences, including
11 before- and after-school programs as well as summer programs;

12 (2) school-based or school-linked health care;
13 and

14 (3) family engagement and support services.

15 D. A full-service community school shall also
16 include the following:

17 (1) assessment of community resources informed
18 by students, families and community and school leaders that
19 relates to the effective delivery of core services on site; and

20 (2) establishment of an evaluation process
21 that measures both the quality and quantity of outcomes."

22 SECTION 3. A new section of the Public School Code is
23 enacted to read:

24 "[NEW MATERIAL] FULL-SERVICE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PROGRAM--
25 GRANTS--DEPARTMENT DUTIES.--

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1 A. Subject to the availability of funding, grants
2 are available to a public school or group of public schools
3 that meets department eligibility requirements.

4 B. Applications for grants shall be in the form
5 prescribed by the department and shall include the following
6 information:

7 (1) a statement of need, including demographic
8 and socioeconomic information about the area to be served by
9 the full-service community schools program;

10 (2) goals and expected outcomes of the
11 program;

12 (3) services and activities to be provided by
13 the program;

14 (4) written agreements for the provision of
15 services by public and private agencies, community groups and
16 other parties;

17 (5) a work plan and budget for the program,
18 including staffing requirements and the expected availability
19 of staff;

20 (6) days and hours of operation;

21 (7) strategies for dissemination of
22 information about the program to potential users;

23 (8) training and professional development
24 plans; and

25 (9) letters of endorsement and commitment from

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1 community agencies and organizations and local governments, and
2 any other information the department requires.

3 C. Grants shall not be awarded for applications
4 submitted that supplant funding and other resources that have
5 been used for purposes similar to the full-service community
6 schools program."

7 SECTION 4. A new section of the Public School Code is
8 enacted to read:

9 "[NEW MATERIAL] FULL-SERVICE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS FUND.--The
10 "full-service community schools fund" is created in the state
11 treasury. The fund shall consist of appropriations, gifts,
12 grants, donations and earnings from investment of the fund.
13 The fund shall not be transferred to any other fund at the end
14 of a fiscal year. The fund shall be administered by the
15 department, and money in the fund is appropriated to the
16 department to carry out the purposes of the Full-Service
17 Community Schools Act. Money in the fund shall be disbursed on
18 warrants issued by the secretary of finance and administration
19 pursuant to vouchers signed by the secretary of public
20 education or the secretary of public education's authorized
21 representative."