

1 SENATE BILL 363

2 **51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013**

3 INTRODUCED BY

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO PUBLIC EDUCATION; PROVIDING FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO
12 FORM EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOLS; EXEMPTING EARLY COLLEGE HIGH
13 SCHOOLS FROM CERTAIN CAPITAL OUTLAY FUNDS.

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

16 SECTION 1. A new section of the Public School Code is
17 enacted to read:

18 "[NEW MATERIAL] EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOLS.--

19 A. Early college high schools may be established by
20 school districts pursuant to this section. Each early college
21 high school shall have:

22 (1) a commitment to provide each student the
23 opportunity to graduate from the early college high school with
24 a diploma of excellence and an associate of arts degree;

25 (2) a commitment to prepare students to enter

1 the work force upon graduation from the early college high
2 school;

3 (3) documentation of the areas of employment
4 for which there is a local or state work force need;

5 (4) a proposed curriculum that includes:

6 (a) articulated areas of study aligned
7 with the areas of employment for which there is a local or
8 state work force need and for which students will be prepared;

9 (b) courses in the areas of study
10 described in Subparagraph (a) of this paragraph;

11 (c) work force preparation courses; and

12 (d) work-study or workplace mentorship
13 opportunities;

14 (5) a memorandum of understanding or other
15 agreement with one or more institutions of higher education
16 that may offer students of the early college high school:

17 (a) dual credit courses aligned with the
18 areas of study described in Subparagraph (a) of Paragraph (4)
19 of this subsection; or

20 (b) associate of arts degrees upon
21 completion of courses and requirements pursuant to the
22 standards for students enrolled in the institutions of higher
23 education;

24 (6) documentation from one or more for-profit
25 or nonprofit entities agreeing to:

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- (a) provide work-study or workplace mentoring opportunities to students;
- (b) donate materials or provide classroom instruction; or
- (c) donate money, real property or personal property; enter into financing or other agreements with the school district; or provide other financial support to or on behalf of the early college high school;
- (7) an identified existing facility or identified funding sources for constructing or acquiring a proposed facility for the early college high school; and
- (8) a plan for:
 - (a) receiving support pursuant to Paragraph (6) of this subsection for three or more years; and
 - (b) taking any additional measures to operate and sustain the early college high school for three or more years.
- B. Early college high schools established pursuant to this section shall not be eligible for public school capital outlay funding pursuant to Section 22-24-5 NMSA 1978."