



## NEW MEXICO SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

### PUBLIC EDUCATION RELATED LEGISLATION PASSED BY BOTH HOUSE AND SENATE AWAITING GOVERNOR'S ACTION BY MARCH 7

- **HB 2 General Appropriations Act** of 2018 (Patricia Lundstrom) The New Mexico Legislature sent a \$6.3 billion budget plan to Governor Martinez which includes a 2.3% increase in public school funding to \$2.7 billion. Minimum teacher three-tier salaries are increased by two thousand dollars each. Teacher pay will increase by 2.5 percent and other school employees pay would increase by an average of 2% allowing some discretion to school districts. PED can return \$5 million in cash balances to public school district accounts contingent on August 2018 general fund revenue estimates and FY 2019 year-end general fund reserves being at 10%. At-risk funding factor will be increased for districts and no new four-day school week districts will be allowed,
- **HB 48 Prior Year Data for School Distributions** (Dennis J. Roch) Requires the Public Education Department to use prior year data for determination of distribution amounts to school districts. (PSCCOTF)
- **HB 85 Sick Leave for Education Retirement Credit** (Dennis J. Roch) Allows educational employees covered under the Educational Retirement Act to convert unused sick leave to New Mexico Educational Retirement Board (ERB) service credit. Eligible employees are required to pay ERB the present actuarial value of the additional service credit. The bill carries an effective date of July 1, 2018.
- **HB 98 Local Election Act** (Paul C. Bandy and Daniel A. Ivey-Soto and James E. Smith) Provides for a single election day in November of odd numbered years for nonpartisan elections; provides that certain ballot measure elections that are held at times other than with regular local elections only be conducted by mailed ballot; repeals the school election law, mail ballot election act, the municipal election code.
- **HB 188 Phase-in Teacher Cost Index** (George Dodge, Jr.) Amends the Public School Finance Act to establish a phase-in teacher cost index; requiring a study to evaluate the Index's sufficiency; making a phase-in adjustment to the At-Risk Index; repealing the section of law creating the Funding Formula Study Task Force; making an appropriation. (LESC)
- **SB 30 Change Capital Outlay Funding Formula** (Mimi Stewart) Changes the capital Outlay funding formula for determination of state-local matches; adds definitions. (LESC & PSCOOTF)
- **SB 97 Military Spouse Teacher Licensure** (William Burt & David Adkins) Provides for expedited teacher licensure for military service members, spouse of military service members and veterans.
- **SB 119 Increase Teacher Minimum Salaries** (Mimi Stewart) Relates to school personnel; increases statutory minimum salaries for level one, level two and level three-A Teachers; making an appropriation.
- **SB 157 Phased-In Teacher Cost Index** (Howie C. Morales and Dennis J. Roch) Amends the Public School Finance Act to establish a phased-in teacher cost index; requiring a study to evaluate the index's sufficiency; making a phased-in adjustment to the At-Risk Index; repealing the section of law creating the Funding Formula Study Task Force; Making an appropriation.
- **SB 239 School Capital Outlay for Security** (George K. Munoz) Allows for the expenditure of money in the public school capital outlay fund for school security system repairs, renovations and replacements.

**PUBLIC EDUCATION RELATED MEMORIALS PASSED**  
**(DO NOT REQUIRE ACTION BY GOVERNOR)**

- **HM 34 Education Employee Paperwork Reduction** (Stephanie Garcia Richard) Requests the Public Education Department (PED) to convene a task force to study the feasibility of a reduction in paperwork required of education employees and a moratorium of unfunded mandates in schools.
- **HM 49 School Board Appreciation Day** (Linda Trujillo) Proclaims February 8, 2018 School Board Appreciation Day in the Senate and congratulating the New Mexico School Boards Association for sixty years of service to the New Mexico's School Boards.
- **HM 55 Reduce School Food Waste** (Deborah A. Armstrong) Requests the LESC and LHHSC to review existing programs to reduce food waste in the school food programs and to study ways to create and expand policies that allow unused or uneaten food to go the benefit of hungry children.
- **SM 8 Study School Suicide and Gun Violence** (Jeff Steinborn) Requests that the Public Education Department and the Legislative Education Study Committee (LESC) study potential solutions to decrease the rates of suicide by firearms and gun violence in schools and report their findings to the LESC by October 1, 2018.
- **SJM 16 PED to Study School Meal Funding** (Michael Padilla & Andres Romero) Requests PED to identify the availability of additional federal programs to improve school meals, student health, program funding and training and to study the impact that increased applications for funding from federal school lunch or breakfast programs could have on school lunch debt.
- **SM 29 School Board Appreciation Day** (William Soules) Proclaims February 8, 2018 School Board Appreciation Day in the Senate and congratulating the New Mexico School Boards Association for sixty years of service to the New Mexico's School Boards.