



# NEW MEXICO SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

## PUBLIC EDUCATION RELATED LEGISLATION PASSED BY THE 2020 LEGISLATURE & SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR

**HB 2 General Appropriations Act** (Patricia Lundstrom) Increases FY21 General Fund appropriations for public education by \$216.8 million or 6.7 percent over the FY20 operating budget, with another \$93 million in total revenue for nonrecurring education-related initiatives. Total General Fund recurring appropriations for public education are \$3.47 billion. The bill includes:

- \$2.0 M for Early Literacy and Reading Support.
- \$3.0 M for Career Technical Education pilot programs.
- \$4.0 M to Establish or expand Community School Initiatives.
- \$5.5 M for Indigenous, multilingual, multicultural and special education programs for evidence based instruction to students with disabilities with \$1.0 for Early Childhood at Indian Affairs Dept.
- \$3.0 M for Principals Professional Development.
- \$650,000 for School Lunch copayments.
- \$3.4 M for Teachers Professional Development and to recruit teachers for low-income and hard to fill schools.
- \$1.6 M for Breakfast for elementary students.
- \$1.5 M for Advanced Placement Test Assistance.
- \$5.0 M for Science, technology, engineering, arts and math initiatives.
- Compensation includes an average 4% salary increase to all licensed teachers and others whose primary duty is classroom instruction; and, an average 4% salary increase to all public school transportation personnel. PED will only approve operating budgets if the average 4% is provided.
- \$50.1 M appropriated to increase the At-Risk Index multiplier to three-tenths.
- \$119.8 M for K-5 Plus Programs pursuant to the K-5 Plus Act. PED shall prioritize approval for school districts that provide the program to all elementary students.
- PED may allow an elementary school starting a new k-5 plus program with at least 80% of students that participate in the K-5 plus program staying with the same teacher and cohort of students during the regular school year to be eligible for K-5 plus program units in FY 2021.
- \$6 M for elementary physical education programs.
- PED shall monitor and evaluate how school districts use funding for at-risk program units, bilingual and multicultural education program units, extended learning time program units, K-5 plus programs units, special education program units, instructional materials, new teacher mentorship and classroom instruction and report its finding to the Governor and others before November 1, 2020.
- Transportation - \$3.7 for transportation of student to extended learning time programs, and \$3.8 M for transportation of students to K-5 Plus programs.
- \$1.5 M appropriated for Dual-Credit Instructional Materials for school districts, charter schools, state-supported schools and Bureau of Indian Education High Schools in New Mexico.
- \$18.6 million for facilities and maintenance costs at (Impact Aid) school districts with federally connected students residing on tribal lands.

**HB 10 No Reduced School Meal Copayments** (Willie Madrid) Eliminates reduced-price copayments for school breakfast and lunch programs. *\$650,000 appropriation in HB2.*

**HB27 Public Project Revolving Fund Projects** (Patricia A. Lundstrom, Sheryl Williams Stapleton, Roberto “Bobby” J. Gonzales) authorizes the New Mexico Finance Authority (NMFA) to provide loans from the public project revolving fund (PPRF) to 12 separate state and local government entities based on terms and conditions established by NMFA. School district projects listed include Dulce and Logan.

**HB 59 At-Risk Program Units & Index Calc. Change** (Sheryl Williams Stapleton) Relates to Public School Finance; would increase the multiplier used to calculate the at-risk index in the state equalization guarantee (SEG) distribution from 0.25 in FY20 to 0.30 in FY21 and for subsequent years. *\$50.1 million in HB2.*

**HB 62 Teacher Mentorship Program** (Sheryl Williams Stapleton, G. Andres Romero, Willie D. Madrid, Debra M. Sariñana, Joy Garratt) Relates to School Personnel; requiring school districts and Charter Schools to have formal teacher mentorship programs that are approved annually by the PED; creates the beginning teacher mentorship fund, non-reverting. *\$3.4 million in Teacher Professional Development in HB2*

**HB 83 Early Childhood Education & Care Fund** (Doreen Y. Gallegos and Senator John Arthur Smith) Creates the Early Childhood Education and Care Fund and Program, distributing certain revenue received by the state pursuant to the Oil and Gas Emergency School Tax Act to the Early Childhood Education and Care Fund.

**HB 92 Teacher Residency Act** (Debra M. Sariñana, Joy Garratt) Enacts a teacher residency program; provides program components, eligibility requirements, participant selection requirements, rulemaking authority, reporting requirements. *\$2.0 million in HB2.*

**HB 102 National Board Certification Scholarship Act** (G. Romero) Relates to school personnel; enacting the National Board Certification Scholarship Act: Providing powers and duties; providing for applicant qualifications. *\$500,000 in HB2.*

**HB 184 Law Enforcement Officers at Schools** (Patricio Ruiloba) Require certified law enforcement officers seeking employment as School Resource Officers (SROs) be specifically trained for these positions; Allow school district police departments employing full-time SROs to receive funding from the law enforcement protection fund; Change the amounts distributed from the law enforcement protection fund; and Provide distributions from the law enforcement protection fund to the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to offset costs incurred due to special deployments. Sets July 1, 2022 as the effective date of the provisions outlined in the act, and shifts implementation to the 2022-2023 school year.

**HB 254 Distributions to School Districts** (Jack Chatfield) Adjusts the amounts to be used in calculating state distributions to school districts that impose a Public School Capital Improvements Tax and to Charter Schools within those school districts; creating an additional distribution to those school districts and charter schools; repealing an outdated section of law.

**HB 319 Multiple Source Contracts Amount Limits** (David Gallegos, Sheryl Williams Stapleton, Pet Campos, William H. Payne, Joseph Sanchez) Exempts local public bodies from the total amount limit on multiple source contracts for architectural and engineering services. and requires state agencies and local public bodies report the aggregate amount of contracts to be spent under each multiple source contract to the Legislative Finance Committee on an annual basis and to the General Services Department on at least a quarterly basis.

**HB 349 Capital Outlay Projects** (Javier Martinez, Jim R. Trujillo) Authorizes \$532.2 million, including approximately \$362 million from severance tax bond (STB) capacity, \$27.5 million from other state funds, and \$142.8 million from the general fund for the purpose of funding capital outlay projects statewide. The bill includes \$37.1 million in funding to the Public Education Department for 261 local school projects.

**HB 355 Capital Outlay Reauthorizations** (Javier Martinez) Reauthorizes capital projects authorized in previous years from various funds. Reauthorizations of capital outlay projects range from changing the administering agency or the original purpose of the project, extending the reversion date, or expanding the purpose of the original project. The bill has an emergency clause. Contains several public school projects previously authorized. Specific project listing not currently available.

**HB 364/SB 110 Public Sector Collective Bargaining Changes** (Sheryl Williams Stapleton) The bill makes numerous changes to the Public Employee Bargaining Act including addressing collective bargaining in the public sector; addressing bargaining unit election procedures, reasonable access to employees, scope of bargaining and employer prohibited practices; modifying the public employee bargaining act to clarify remedies available to the public employee labor relations board; imposing requirements on local labor boards; requiring notice of rules and membership; providing for retention of jobs within a bargaining unit; repealing and reenacting certain sections of law.

**HJM 2 Career Technical Education Task Force** (Sheryl Williams Stapleton and Gay G. Kernan) Requests the creation of a career technical education task force to develop recommendations for sustainable funding of career technical education programs aligned to workforce needs and to provide a report on the status of funding career technical education in NM.

**HJM 3 School Personnel Career Pathway** (Sheryl Williams Stapleton and Michael Padilla and Debra M. Sariñana and Elizabeth "Liz" Thomson and G. Andrés Romero) Requests HED, PED and the Workforce Solutions Dept. to convene a working group to study the feasibility of developing a career pathway for all school-related personnel to increase retention and provide upward financial mobility for school employees.

**SB 96 Online School Budget Reporting** (Jacob Candelaria) Relates to Public School Finance; creates mandatory contents for an online school budget reporting system; prescribes duties for the PED; creates reporting requirements for Public Schools and state-chartered charter schools; prescribes reporting requirements to school districts for special education funding costs; requires annual reports for school districts on additional local revenue distributions.

**SB 99 Diplomas for Vietnam Veterans** (George K. Munoz, G. Andres Romero) Authorizes local school boards to issue high school diplomas to veterans of the Vietnam conflict. To be eligible for a diploma, an applicant must have done the following: been honorably discharged from the armed forces, been scheduled to graduate from high school between February 28, 1961 and May 7, 1975, been a resident of New Mexico and attended a high school in the locality of the current school district, and left high school before graduation to serve in the Vietnam conflict.

**SB 111 Changes to Educational Retirement** (Mimi Stewart) Relating to Educational Retirement; removing the requirement for employees and employers to make nonrefundable contributions for employees at a level of one-fourth or less full-time employee; allowing certain retirees to return to work without a suspension of retirement benefits; exempting employees considered to be substitutes from the requirements of the Educational Retirement Act.

**SB 130 School Credit for Transfer Students** (Linda M. Lopez) Requires the Public Education Department (PED) to promulgate rules to require school districts to award credit to transfer students who have experienced a disruption in education for any work the student completed prior to the transfer.

**SM 10 Donating School Meals to Students** (Nancy Rodriguez) requests the Public Education Department (PED) to convene a working group composed of members from across the public sector and nongovernmental organizations to study food insecurity, food waste, benefits of proper nutrition for a child's education, food donation and how other states have addressed food waste and food insecurity in schools.