

American Legion Auxiliary
New Mexico Girls State
2016 Bill/Resolution



Committee: Education

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Bill No.: House 43

Delegation: ALA NM Girls State

Status: Passed by Legislature and Governor

Title of Bill: Standardize Tests, Not Educators Act

1 **Section I. Body:** relating to the negative effects of utilizing students standardized test
2 scores as a part of New Mexico teachers evaluations. The removal of this particular
3 area of evaluation would create a more accurate view of a teacher's effectiveness in the
4 classroom by measuring them against a more personalized standard.

5 WHEREAS: teachers are being negatively affected due to lack of growth in classes, fall
6 of students proficient in a subject;

7 WHEREAS: teachers are not able to teach a standardized curricula conjoined with said
8 tests and so cannot be blamed for the lack of mastery of skills not covered in a
9 particular class;

10 WHEREAS: the term "growth" for any particular student is relative to subject materials
11 and difficulty thereof, and cannot be measured quantitatively.

12 **Be It Enacted By The American Legion Auxiliary New Mexico Girls State 2016**

13 **Section II. Definitions:** as used in the standardized tests not teachers act;

- 14 A. Standardized Tests – PARCC and the NMSBA
15 B. Growth – improvement in subject based standardized test scores
16 C. Standardized – being exactly alike in every classroom for every student in New
17 Mexico
18 D. Curricula – a compilation of lessons created by certain person(s) for the purpose
19 of education in subject areas
20 E. Peer – a fellow educator in the same subject area as you the teacher being
21 evaluated.

22 **Section III. Penalty:** the removal of the use of students standardized test scores from a
23 teacher's evaluation, supplementing the loss with a peer evaluation to be conducted
24 twice a semester and increasing the weight of both administrative and state issued
25 evaluations.

26 **Section IV. Repeal:** all laws, acts, provisions, or parts of laws contained in the
27 constitution of the State of New Mexico in conflict with any provision of this act are
28 hereby repealed.
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30 **Section V. Effective Date:** this act will go into effect 90 days after enactment.