

American Legion Auxiliary
New Mexico Girls State
2016 Bill/Resolution



Committee: Education 1

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Bill No.: H16 Delegation: ALA NM Girls State 2016

Status: Failed in the House

Title of Bill: School Health Clinics

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2 **A Resolution**
3 New Mexico state is in last place for education but remain in first for other things such
4 as, high teen pregnancy rates, drug abuse, alcohol abuse, and mental instability. Many
5 may not see the connection these two thinks have. High pregnancy rates may cause
6 some young adults to drop out of high school early or fall behind in classes due to
7 having to care for a child on his/her own. Drug and alcohol sometimes causes teens to
8 make bad decisions that sometimes lead to another getting hurt or even killed. There
9 are many ways to help lower rates. One is starting at the base or beginning. Additional
10 funding for more school based clinics and health leadership education programs that
11 help teach the youth and provide services for those in need such as; planned
12 parenthood, pregnancy tests, contraception, STI testing, physicals, and even
13 counseling. These clinics would follow New Mexico confidentiality laws. By providing a
14 service close by that's reliable many teens may rely on this form of healthcare and
15 become more responsible and make better decisions.

16 **Therefore be it Resolved By The American Legion Auxiliary New Mexico Girls**
17 **State 2016 that:**

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19 Additional funding shall be provided for school sponsored health education clinics.