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New Mexico Girls State
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Title of Bill: ___ Higher Pay for Math and Science Educators _____

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An Act

Relating to public educator pay for math and science teachers: increased pay on salary schedules for secondary math and science teachers in order to obtain highly qualified educators.

Be It Enacted By The American Legion Auxiliary New Mexico Girls State 2017

Section 1: Definitions

- A.** Public Educator- refers to employees paid by state funding
- B.** Salary Schedule- refers to graduated pay scale for school districts based on years of experience and job title
- C.** Secondary- refers to educators teaching middle and high school
- D.** Highly qualified- refers to teachers holding a college degree in science or math field

Section 2- Main Provisions: New Mexico is in dire need for highly qualified secondary math and science teachers. This Bill is intended to draw more math and science degree holders into the profession of teaching public secondary school. Math and science teachers must be paid higher salary in order to compete with non education math and science jobs that offer much higher salaries

Section 3- Appropriations Funding will be increased to the education budget to cover costs of increased pay to math and science degree holders at the rate of 10% above the pay as indicated on the average salary schedule of similar non science/math degree holder. Schools will be compensated for these increases with increased Training and Experience value in the School Equalization Guarantee formula

Repeal- This is mandatory in bills and used as written. All laws, acts, provisions, or parts of laws contained in the Constitution of the State of New Mexico in conflict with any provision of this act are hereby repealed

Effective Date- The provisions will be effective at the beginning of the first full school year following passage and approval by the ALA NM Girls State Governor or its otherwise becoming a law.