

American Legion Auxiliary
New Mexico Girls State
Bill Instruction Sheet



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Bill No: _____ Committee: _____

Status:

Passed by: Committee House Senate Governor

Tabled by: Committee House Senate Governor

Other: _____

Simple Title of Bill: Bill

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70TH SESSION – AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NEW MEXICO GIRLS STATE – 2017

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AN ACT

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RELATING TO THE REMOVAL OF HIGH STAKES STANDARDIZED PARCC TESTS

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GIVEN TO THE 89 SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND STUDENTS BETWEEN THIRD AND

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ELEVENTH GRADE IN NEW MEXICO.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NEW

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MEXICO GIRLS STATE:

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High stakes tests refer to any tests given to make important decisions about students,

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teachers, administrators, schools and districts.

1 PARCC- Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers.
2 The purpose of this bill is to begin the removal for high stakes standardized PARCC testing.
3 Starting with at least one district in each county abandoning the testing as a pilot and trial
4 for using more organic, state organised tests with more input from teachers and the school
5 districts. The PARCC tests have cost us scarce public dollars. Millions and millions of tax
6 dollars, with the promise that student based test scores and evaluations would result in far
7 better teaching and turn student achievement around which has yet to happen. Still even
8 after the so called adjustment period.

9 New Mexico has dropped further in ranks of education since we began using PARCC
10 and is currently at the very bottom in the nation when it comes to terms of education.
11 Several states across the country have seen a decrease in student achievement after
12 implementing these high stake tests. Besides the clear failing of the test and money it is
13 taken up, it eats up class and instruction time, both by the test itself and the pressure
14 several teachers feel to teach to the test. Some schools dedicating a quarter or more a year
15 to test preparation and test time.

16 Testing causes severe stresses and anxiety to a very large portion of students,
17 especially because the weight these tests hold, but has an especially large impact on
18 younger students between grades 3 and 6. however in some cases older students do not
19 take the testing seriously at all because they usually have no effect ton there grades,
20 making the assessment of teachers inadequate and unreliable.

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22 All laws, acts, provisions, or parts of laws contained in the Constitution of the State of New
23 Mexico in conflict with any provision of this act are herby repealed.

24 Delayed Start - Update the date to reflect your bills start date.

- 1 The provisions of this act shall be effective on and after the 2018-19 New Mexico Public
- 2 school Fall and Spring semesters have officially been completed

