

American Legion Auxiliary
New Mexico Girls State
2016 Bill/Resolution



Committee: EDUCATION 1

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Bill No.: S73

Delegation: ALA NM Girls State 2016

Status: Passed by the Senate and Tabled by the House

Title of Bill: Secondary Instructors Education Act

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

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3 **Section I. Body:** Within the state of New Mexico, there have been many
4 instances where educators have been unable to perform their responsibilities
5 to their students. Consequently, long-term substitute teachers have been
6 called upon to take their place for lengthy periods of time. The Secondary
7 Instructors Education Act allows the Public Education Department (PED) of New
8 Mexico to give a teaching license to those who have a Bachelor's degree, at
9 the minimum, in a certain field in order to take the place of the absent
10 teacher for the time required.

11 **Section II. Definitions:** Requirements regarding the Secondary Instructors
12 Education Act will be as follows: candidates must have at least a bachelor's
13 degree with three years experience in a chosen field; candidates must meet
14 any and all requirements established by the PED of New Mexico; and, they must
15 pass background checks with satisfactory clearance. At the end of one school
16 year, these teachers will be allowed to repeat their teaching assignment if
17 the students are exhibiting sustained results in their classes.

18 **Section III. Penalty:** The Secondary Instructors Education Act will allow
19 vacant, long-term substitute positions to be filled by experienced and
20 well-educated men and women. After an impressive series of qualification
21 checks, these citizens will be allowed to fill open positions to teach New
22 Mexico students in grades 9-12 with an anticipated resulting increase of
23 state funds in tax revenue, as well as a decrease in New Mexico unemployment.
24 This Act will also enable school districts to hire teachers with subject
25 expertise and have them teach courses according to their professional degree
26 thereby increasing student achievement.

27 **Section IV. Repeal:** All laws, acts, provisions, or parts of laws contained in
28 the Constitution of the State of New Mexico in conflict with any provision of
29 this act are hereby repealed.

30 **Section V. Effective Date:** This act shall become effective immediately upon its passage and
31 approval by the American Legion Auxiliary New Mexico Girls'
32 State Governor or its otherwise becoming a law. The provisions of this act
33 shall be effective on and after August 1, 2016.