

American Legion Auxiliary
New Mexico Girls State
Bill Instruction Sheet



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Simple Title of Bill: Increase In The Salary of New Mexico Educators

1. BILL
2. 70TH SESSION – AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NEW MEXICO GIRLS STATE – 2017
3. INTRODUCED BY
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7. AN ACT
8. RELATING TO EDUCATION; INCREASING THE SALARY OF EDUCATORS IN
9. THE NM PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM.
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11. BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
12. AUXILIARY NEW MEXICO GIRLS STATE:
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14. SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS-

1. A. "educator" means those who teach in a public school within the state of
2. New Mexico;
3. B. "school district" means any one of the 89 districts located in the state of NM;
4. C. "state" means specifically the state of New Mexico

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6. : SECTION 2.SALARY OF EDUCATORS-

7. A. Any public school educator throughout the state of New Mexico shall
8. receive a salary increase of 8.00%, no matter what teaching level they have
9. qualifications for. Each district may not increase or decrease the 8.00%, for each
10. school district within the state will implement the same percentage increase.

11. B. In order to account for each specific public school district within the
12. state and the specific amount of funds given to them, the specific salaries will vary
13. between district. The final salary for each public school educator is determined by
14. the original salary of the educator in each district, and therefore may not be
15. equivalent to other educators within their own respective districts throughout the
16. state.

17. C. The salary increase will affect educators only, and will not apply to
18. other staff working in the schools, such as office staff, nurses, librarians, custodians,
19. etc. If an increase in salary for these occupations is desired, the decision must be
20. made by the entire school board, and voted upon by the constituency of each school
21. district. This decision will not affect all other school districts and will only apply to the
22. school district that is requesting the increase.

23. D. Raises may not be given to a specific individual educator within a

1. school district without first contacting the school board and filing a
2. request. The amount of the raise will heavily depend on the amount of funds
3. available for school use and the amount of money the individual is currently earning.
4. The principal of a specific school does not have the power to grant a raise, however
5. they may make a commendation to the school board for such a raise.
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7. SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION.- 0.5% of property taxes will be added to the state
8. general fund, to specifically fund the New Mexico educator salary increase. The
9. appropriation will be implemented at the start of the 2019 fiscal year, and will
10. continue to be allocated annually. Any unused funds will revert back to the general
11. fund at the end of each fiscal year, and will be reserved for the next fiscal year's
12. educator salaries.
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14. All laws, acts, provisions, or parts of laws contained in the Constitution of the State
15. of New Mexico in conflict with any provision of this act are hereby repealed.
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17. The provisions of this act shall be effective on and after January 1st, 2020.