

American Legion Auxiliary
New Mexico Girls State
Bill Instruction Sheet



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

INTRODUCED BY

AN ACT

**TO ALLOW STUDENTS ENROLLED IN NEW MEXICO PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS THE
OPPORTUNITY TO OPT-OUT OF HIGHER-LEVEL HIGH SCHOOL COURSES IN
EXCHANGE FOR MONITORED APPRENTICESHIP IN A TRADE OF THEIR CHOICE.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NEW
MEXICO GIRLS STATE:

For the purpose of this bill, "monitored apprenticeship" shall be defined as a trade
organization (i.e. auto mechanic, construction, plumbing) that has been pre-

1 approved by the New Mexico Board of Education for the administration of proper training in
2 the desired trade. A "base-school" shall be defined as one of the three largest schools in
3 the district that supplies its buses for transportation of students to businesses administering
4 training.

5 The current requirements for the state of New Mexico include 4 credits of English, 4 credits
6 of Mathematics, 3 credits of Science, 3.5 credits of Social Studies, 0.5 Credit of Health, 1
7 Credit of Physical Education, and 8 credits of Electives. For the purpose of this bill,
8 monitored apprenticeship shall be defined as a trade organization (i.e. auto mechanic,
9 construction, plumbing) that has been pre-approved by the New Mexico Board of Education
10 for the administration of proper training in the desired trade. This program shall be made
11 available to all New Mexico public high school students within two years of graduation who
12 have a weighted GPA of 2.5-4.0. For students enrolled in this program, training shall occur
13 each day after lunch until the end of the school day. The time for training shall replace the
14 Social Studies and Electives portions of the day. The student's core classes required for
15 graduation shall fill the remaining time of the day before lunch. In order to remain eligible,
16 students will be required to complete certain projects and workshops at their training site
17 while also maintaining at least a 2.5 GPA. In order to become eligible, a business must
18 pass a state-sponsored inspection requiring them to have adequate liability insurance,
19 economic stability as well as adequate space and materials for the training including but not
20 limited to first-aid kits. Eligible businesses shall submit applications to become extra-high-
21 school trade centers to the New Mexico Board of Education. Upon approval, the business
22 shall receive a 0.5% return on their taxes for every 5 students enrolled. In order to
23 graduate, students enrolled in the program shall be required to apply for full-time
24 employment at the place of their training. This will ensure that students have a chance for
25 employment upon graduation. In order to transport students to their training

1 site, three base-schools per school district will be selected to provide its buses in order to
2 transport students to at least three different businesses but no more than five. A school will
3 be selected as one of the three base schools based on the number of neighboring schools
4 near it within a ten-mile radius and the number of functional school buses in the school's
5 lot. More weight will be given to the school with the most neighboring schools than to the
6 one with the most school buses. This bill shall go into effect in all state-funded high
7 schools, excluding state supported universities at the beginning of the approaching school
8 year. After three years of trial, if an appropriate number of students are not enrolled in this
9 program or if this program does not prove beneficial to trade employment opportunities,
10 then this bill will be re-submitted to the New Mexico General Assembly for debate.

11 Making an appropriation for the transportation within this bill shall come from the New
12 Mexico Board of Education. It is estimated that approximately \$10,000 is necessary when
13 first implementing these programs. As more businesses become approved, more funding
14 will be needed. The money can be used each school year, and will cease during the
15 summer months as students will need to provide transportation for themselves. Any funds
16 remaining after the time period ends will roll over to the next school year. Only state-
17 funded high schools who comply with this program will receive the state funding both when
18 this act is first effective and in the future.

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

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

23 The provisions of this act shall be effective on and after September 1, 2018.

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