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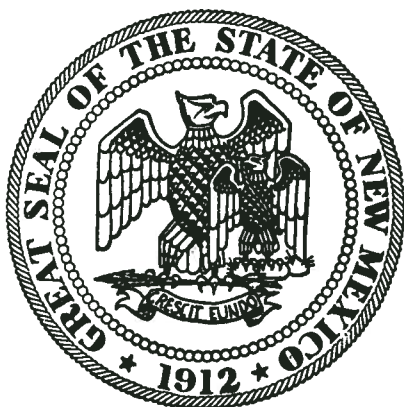
CHAPTER 161

SENATE BILL 360, as amended

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Introduced by  
SENATOR CYNTHIA NAVA



FOR THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE

# Chapter 161

1 AN ACT

2 RELATING TO FINANCIAL SOLVENCY; SUSPENDING THE REQUIREMENTS  
3 FOR CERTAIN STUDENT ASSESSMENTS FOR THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL  
4 YEAR.

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6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

7 SECTION 1. TEMPORARY PROVISION--PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
8 FINANCIAL SOLVENCY--SUSPENDING CERTAIN REQUIRED STUDENT  
9 ASSESSMENTS FOR ONE SCHOOL YEAR.--

10 A. The legislature finds that the financial crisis  
11 of calendar years 2008-2010 will continue into fiscal year  
12 2012, and, to balance the state budget, the legislature must  
13 reduce general appropriations for state government, higher  
14 education and public schools by several hundred million  
15 dollars. The purpose of this section is to temporarily  
16 suspend the requirement that local school districts  
17 administer certain student assessments.

18 B. For school year 2011-2012, the public education  
19 department and school districts, charter schools and state  
20 educational institutions shall not be required to administer  
21 the following student assessments:

22 (1) the provisions of Section 22-2C-4 NMSA  
23 1978 notwithstanding, in grade eleven, a standards-based  
24 assessment in social studies; and for grades four, six, seven  
25 and eleven, a standards-based writing assessment; and

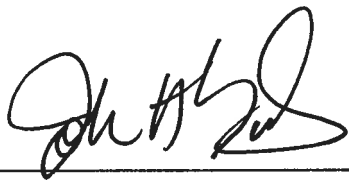
1 (2) the provisions of Section 22-2C-4.1 NMSA  
2 1978 notwithstanding, in grades nine and ten, short-cycle  
3 diagnostic assessments in reading, language arts and  
4 mathematics and, in grade eleven, a college placement  
5 assessment or a workforce readiness assessment.

6 C. The provisions of Section 22-13-1.1 NMSA 1978  
7 notwithstanding, a student who has completed the course  
8 requirements for high school graduation in the 2011-2012  
9 school year may graduate without demonstrating competence in  
10 required subject areas on the standards-based assessment or  
11 assessments or a portfolio of standards-based indicators  
12 established by the public education department by rule.

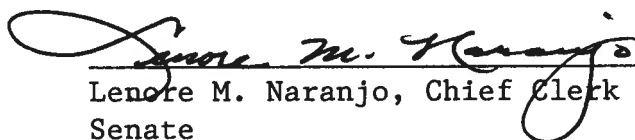
13 D. During school year 2011-2012, public schools,  
14 charter schools and state educational institutions shall use  
15 an appropriate assessment for grades nine and ten to comply  
16 with the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education  
17 Act. \_\_\_\_\_

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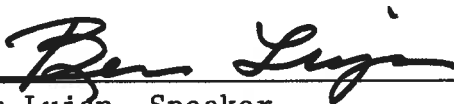
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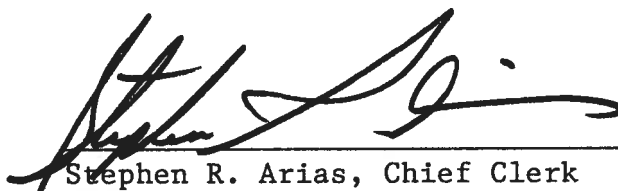
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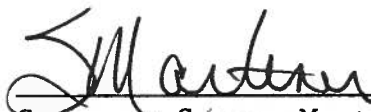


Ben Lujan, Speaker  
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Approved by me this 24th day of April, 2011



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