



State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

January 29, 2026

HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 52

The Honorable Javier Martinez, Speaker of the House and
Members of the New Mexico House of Representatives
State Capitol Building
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Speaker Martinez and Members of the House:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 5(B)(2) of the New Mexico Constitution, I am authorizing for your consideration during the Fifty-Seventh Legislature, Second Session, submission of a bill bearing Legislative Council Service drafting number .233210, a bill amending the Public School Finance Act; requiring school districts and charter schools to report membership estimates of students to be enrolled as distance learning students; requiring school districts and charter schools to maintain certain records regarding students enrolled in a distance learning program; excluding a school district's membership of students enrolled in distance learning programs from the calculation for size adjustment program units; amending the Statewide Cyber Academy Act and renaming that act the "Distance Learning Act"; removing existing definitions and defining new terms in the Public School Finance Act and the Distance Learning Act; removing the requirement that the Statewide Cyber Academy be a collaborative program; providing all-new requirements for school districts and charter schools that operate distance learning programs; placing restrictions on student enrollment in distance learning programs and providing exceptions; clarifying the requirements of school districts and charter schools regarding distance learning and students with disabilities; requiring Public Education Department approval of distance learning programs; providing a process for school districts and charter schools to apply for approval of a program; making conforming amendments; enacting temporary provisions relating to the Public School Finance Act; enacting temporary provisions relating to the Distance Learning Act; repealing Section 22-30-8 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2007, Chapter 292, Section 7 and Laws 2007, Chapter 293, Section 7); and declaring an emergency.

Respectfully yours,

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For Chief Clerk of the House