



## HB 131 Assistant Secretary of Hispanic Education

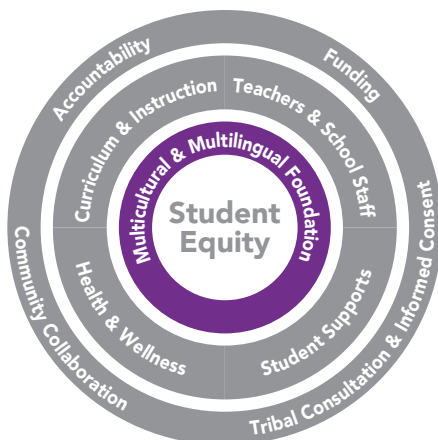
Sponsored by: Representative Christine Trujillo and Representative Patricia Roybal Caballero

Budget Appropriation: \$110,000 to hire an assistant secretary at the K-12 level

The Latino Education Task Force and Transform Education NM convened a series of stakeholder events to support the Hispanic Education Advisory Council with amendments to the current Hispanic Education Act (2010). These events included stakeholders from Pre-K – 12 educators, higher education faculty, non-profit organizations, community members and NM legislators to discuss Pre-K – 20 Hispanic education needs.

New Mexico finds itself uniquely situated to influence the educational outcomes of its growing Hispanic student population, which can also impact Hispanic and Latin/x people nationwide. As the country's first state with people of color making up the majority, New Mexico represents what many other regions of the nation will look like in the not so distant future.

In 2010, Governor Bill Richardson signed the first Hispanic Education Act (HEA) into law. The HEA is aimed at improving the educational achievements of the 62% of Hispanic students and closing education opportunity gaps. The purpose of the HEA is to engage the community in a more formal and consistent way to help define Pre-K to College and Career challenges and address student academic performance.



### HB 131 will:

- Fund positions for Assistant Secretaries of Hispanic Education at NMPED and NMHED to address closing opportunity gaps for Hispanic students across the Pre-K – 20 system.
- Provide sustainable frameworks and systemic opportunities to identify resource materials and communication tools for students, family and community engagement and empowerment.
- Establish collaborative decision-making processes through authentic family and community engagement and incorporate those decisions in school district actions to improve outcomes.
- Provide culturally sustaining pedagogy and culturally relevant materials through multicultural education models proven to be effective with Hispanic students and align curriculum between community, school districts and state pre-kindergarten through post-secondary education systems.
- Provide per diem and mileage for council members as provided for non-salaried public officers in the Per Diem and Mileage Act.
- Recruit, retain and promote Hispanic leadership and tenure track positions at higher education institutions.