

H 770 UNIFORM ATHLETIC AGENTS ACT

April 6, 2001

HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 103

I have this day VETOED and am returning HOUSE BILL 770 enacted by the Forty-Fifth Legislature, First Session, 2001.

This bill would enact the Uniform Athlete Agents Act to provide a uniform process for registration and certification of athlete agents and to provide standards for the representation of student athletes by such agents. While I am generally supportive of uniform laws as a means to provide certainty in the courts, I am troubled that New Mexico would become one of the few states in this country to enact these provisions. In addition, the regulation of agents for student athletes is best left to governing organizations such as the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

H 774 SERVICE CREDIT FOR JUDICIAL RETIREMENT

April 5, 2001

HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 85

I have this day VETOED and am returning HOUSE BILL 774, enacted by the Forty-Fifth Legislature, First Session, 2001.

This bill allows judges to purchase up to two months service credit toward their retirement. I have already vetoed a version of this bill, Senate Bill 420, and do so again, because while I sympathize with judges whose terms will expire before they obtain full retirement benefits, I generally disfavor changes in the law that permit a certain class of public employees to avoid those requirements generally applicable to our state's workforce.