

1 SENATE BILL 670

2 **49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009**

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10 AN ACT

11 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO
12 CONTRACT FOR THE DESIGN, DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF
13 CURRICULA FOR VIRTUAL THREE-DIMENSIONAL ACADEMIES FOR LIFELONG
14 LEARNERS IN NEW MEXICO.

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

17 Section 1. APPROPRIATION.--

18 A. Six million dollars (\$6,000,000) is appropriated
19 from the separate account of the appropriation contingency fund
20 established in Laws 2004, Chapter 114, Section 12 to the higher
21 education department for expenditure in fiscal years 2010 and
22 2011 to contract for the design, development and implementation
23 of a project-based, story-centered and learn-by-doing
24 curriculum. The curriculum will be supported by real-time
25 mentoring from career-field experts for delivery through

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1 virtual three-dimensional academies for students in New Mexico.

2 B. The request for proposals issued by the higher
3 education department shall include provisions that require
4 respondents to design curricula that:

5 (1) enhance career skills, critical thinking
6 skills, communication skills and college preparedness and, upon
7 completion, enable students to be immediately capable of
8 performing useful work in the field addressed by the curricula;

9 (2) use simulated professional experiences
10 that create realistic workplace situations, stimulating
11 learners' interest in the industry clusters of aerospace,
12 health care, energy and digital media and film and encouraging
13 students to pursue further studies in those fields;

14 (3) will be available for local or remote
15 participation by lifelong learners working together in teams
16 mentored by faculty and professionals on a web site controlled
17 by the state of New Mexico; and

18 (4) will provide for professional development
19 in mentoring methods and techniques for New Mexico faculty and
20 real-time career-field mentors.

21 C. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining
22 at the end of fiscal year 2011 shall revert to the separate
23 account of the appropriation contingency fund described in
24 Subsection A of this section.