

1 SENATE BILL 337

2 **55TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2021**

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10 AN ACT

11 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PROVISION OF ACADEMICALLY
12 INTEGRATED OUT-OF-SCHOOL AND SUMMER PROGRAMS STATEWIDE;
13 PROVIDING REQUIREMENTS TO RECEIVE FUNDS.

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

16 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.--

17 A. Seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000)
18 is appropriated from the general fund to the public education
19 department for expenditure in fiscal years 2022 through 2024 to
20 contract with an organization to address long-term economic
21 development throughout the state by providing project-based
22 programs, either in person or through remote learning, that
23 support academic achievement and college and career readiness.
24 Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of
25 fiscal year 2024 shall revert to the general fund.

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B. The programs shall:

- (1) include a dual credit component;
- (2) provide access to an industry standard digital media authoring tool set for students;
- (3) provide professional mentor training;
- (4) provide digital badging and professional certification in partnership with public post-secondary educational institutions;
- (5) focus on serving low-income Hispanic, American Indian and African American students and other generationally underserved populations statewide;
- (6) support academic success; and
- (7) open career paths into growing industries in New Mexico, including science, technology, engineering and mathematics fields; creative arts; health care; trades; and energy.

C. A request for proposals and award to an organization to provide programming shall require that the organization has an established academic and career readiness program that:

- (1) contains comprehensive kindergarten through twelfth grade programming taught by professionals in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, media arts, media literacy, cultural relevance, leadership, equity and proven systems that address needs in the modern economy;

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1 (2) aligns with current department data,
2 accountability, sustainability and high achievement
3 requirements;

4 (3) provides teaching and learning strategies
5 in digital transformation that support all required content
6 areas and that may affect students on a schoolwide and
7 statewide basis; and

8 (4) directly remedies the opportunity gaps
9 based on the *Martinez and Yazzie v. State of New Mexico* lawsuit
10 by providing college and career opportunities that boost
11 employability for participants.

12 D. The public education department shall work with
13 the New Mexico alliance for college and career readiness to
14 develop the request for proposals.