

1 SENATE BILL 216

2 **57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2026**

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10 AN ACT

11 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO  
12 ISSUE CERTIFICATES TO PERSONS PROFICIENT IN A NATIVE AMERICAN  
13 LANGUAGE AND CULTURE OF AN INDIAN NATION, TRIBE OR PUEBLO  
14 LOCATED WHOLLY OR PARTIALLY IN NEW MEXICO.

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

17 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.**--Five hundred thousand dollars  
18 (\$500,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the public  
19 education department for expenditure in fiscal year 2027 to  
20 issue certificates pursuant to Section 22-10A-13 NMSA 1978 to  
21 persons proficient in a Native American language and culture of  
22 an Indian nation, tribe or pueblo located wholly or partially  
23 in New Mexico. Any unexpended balance remaining at the end of  
24 fiscal year 2027 shall revert to the general fund.

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