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SENATE BILL 216

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

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AN ACT

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

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

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

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