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HOUSE BILL 212

**44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION,  
2000**

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AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; PROVIDING FOR MERIT AWARDS FOR SCHOOL  
EMPLOYEES OUT OF THE INCENTIVES FOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT FUND.

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

Section 1. Section 22-13A-6 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1989,  
Chapter 137, Section 6, as amended) is amended to read:

"22-13A-6. FUND CREATED.--

A. There is created in the state treasury the  
"incentives for school improvement fund". The fund shall  
consist of any state money appropriated to the fund, [any]  
federal money allocated to the state for the purposes of the  
Incentives for School Improvement Act, undistributed annual  
balances and earnings of the fund and [any] gifts or bequests  
made to the fund. The state treasurer shall invest the fund  
as other state funds are invested. The balance remaining in  
the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall not revert to

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1 the general fund.

2 B. The fund is appropriated to the department for  
3 the purpose of implementing and administering the Incentives  
4 for School Improvement Act. No more than three percent of  
5 the fund may be retained by the department for administrative  
6 purposes.

7 C. Money in the fund other than that used for  
8 administrative purposes shall be distributed directly to  
9 schools evidencing the greatest improvement as determined  
10 by the department. Disbursements shall be made only to  
11 that number of schools constituting not more than ten  
12 percent of the student membership in the state.  
13 Distributions shall be made proportionately to schools that  
14 qualify. Money received by a school from the fund shall  
15 not be used for salaries or salary increases [~~or bonuses~~]  
16 but may be used for one-time merit awards for school  
17 employees if permitted by the school and by the  
18 compensation plan adopted by the local school board. Money  
19 shall be used as determined by the school principal and  
20 teachers in cooperation with other school employees and the  
21 community.

22 D. A local school board may provide, as part of  
23 a compensation plan for school employees, a one-time merit  
24 award distributed from the fund."  
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