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HOUSE BILL 213

45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS; ESTABLISHING A SAFE SCHOOLS PROGRAM TO PROVIDE FOR DISTRIBUTION OF AWARDS TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF LOCAL COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL SAFETY PLANS; CREATING A FUND; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

Section 1. A new section of the Public School Code is enacted to read:

"NEW MATERIAL SAFE SCHOOLS PROGRAM - DISTRIBUTIONS TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS - - FUND CREATED. - -

A. The "safe schools fund" is created in the state treasury and shall be administered by the department of education. The fund shall consist of appropriations, gifts, grants and any other money distributed or accruing to this

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1 fund. Income from investment of the fund shall be credited to
2 the fund.

3 B. Money in the safe schools fund is appropriated
4 to the department of education to establish a program to
5 distribute awards to public schools for the implementation of
6 safe schools programs as identified in each school's
7 comprehensive safe schools plan. The department shall develop
8 procedures and adopt rules for the application and award of
9 money from the fund and determine criteria for evaluation of
10 safe schools programs.

11 C. Disbursements from the fund shall be made by
12 warrant of the department of finance and administration
13 pursuant to vouchers signed by the superintendent of public
14 instruction. Any balances in the fund at the end of any
15 fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain credited to the
16 fund. "

17 Section 2. APPROPRIATION. -- One million dollars
18 (\$1,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the safe
19 schools fund for expenditure in fiscal year 2002 and
20 succeeding fiscal years for the purpose of distributing funds
21 to public schools for the implementation of safe schools
22 programs as identified in each school's comprehensive safe
23 schools plan. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance
24 remaining at the end of fiscal year 2002 shall revert to the
25 general fund.

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