

AN ACT

CREATING A FUND FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS.

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:

"TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND.--

A. The "teacher professional development fund" is created in the state treasury to provide funding for professional development programs and projects for public school teachers. The fund consists of appropriations, gifts, grants, donations and income from investment of the fund. Money in the fund shall not revert to any other fund at the end of a fiscal year. The fund shall be administered by the department of education and money in the fund is appropriated to the department to carry out the purposes of the fund.

B. The department of education shall evaluate the success of each professional development program or project funded and report its findings to the legislative committee on education study committee each year."