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HOUSE BILL 177

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2004

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR COST-OF-LIVING INCREASES FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYEES.

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

Section 1. APPROPRIATIONS--GENERAL FUND.--

A. Eighty-six million five hundred two thousand six hundred dollars (\$86,502,600) is appropriated from the general fund to the department of finance and administration for distribution to the appropriate state agency for expenditure in fiscal year 2005 to provide three-percent cost-of-living salary increases to public employees as follows:

(1) forty-seven million four hundred fifty-eight thousand eight hundred dollars (\$47,458,800) for public school employees, including transportation employees;

(2) nineteen million two hundred ninety-three

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1 thousand nine hundred dollars (\$19,293,900) for faculty and  
2 staff at public post-secondary educational institutions;

3 (3) the following amounts for state employees  
4 in state agencies in the executive branch of state government  
5 whose funds are derived substantially from the general fund:

6 (a) two million four hundred nine  
7 thousand nine hundred dollars (\$2,409,900) for exempt  
8 employees, including attorney general employees, workers'  
9 compensation judges and teachers in the children, youth and  
10 families department, department of health and corrections  
11 department, and for commissioned officers of the New Mexico  
12 state police division of the department of public safety; and

13 (b) thirteen million six hundred fifty  
14 thousand nine hundred dollars (\$13,650,900) for classified  
15 employees;

16 (4) three hundred nine thousand dollars  
17 (\$309,000) for legislative permanent employees;

18 (5) the following amounts for judicial  
19 employees:

20 (a) four hundred ninety-eight thousand  
21 six hundred dollars (\$498,600) for justices, judges, child  
22 support hearing officers and special commissioners; and

23 (b) one million seven hundred sixty-two  
24 thousand eight hundred dollars (\$1,762,800) for judicial  
25 permanent employees; and

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(6) the following amounts for district attorney employees:

(a) forty-five thousand nine hundred dollars (\$45,900) for elected district attorneys; and

(b) one million seventy-two thousand eight hundred dollars (\$1,072,800) for district attorney permanent employees.

B. For those state employees whose salaries are referenced in or received as a result of non-general fund appropriations in the General Appropriation Act of 2004, the department of finance and administration shall transfer from the appropriate fund to the appropriate agency the amount required for the salary increases equivalent to those provided for in Subsection A of this section, and such amounts are appropriated for expenditure in fiscal year 2005.

C. Salary increases provided for in Subsections A and B of this section shall be effective the first pay period after July 1, 2004.

D. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance of the appropriations in this act remaining at the end of fiscal year 2005 shall revert to the general fund or other appropriate fund.