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AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A STUDY OF THE EFFICACY OF CREATING
A CENTER FOR GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH IN NORTHERN NEW
MEXICO.

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

Section 1. APPROPRIATION. --

A. One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the board of regents of northern New Mexico state school for expenditure in fiscal years 2005 and 2006 to conduct a study on the efficacy of creating a center for graduate studies and research in northern New Mexico, in which universities offer graduate-level courses leading to master's and doctoral degrees. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2006 shall revert to the general fund.

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В.	The	study	shall	consi der	at	least	the	followi	i ng:
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- (1) the need for offering off-campus programs leading to graduate degrees in northern New Mexico, including projected student enrollments and the potential area job market for graduates;
- (2) the fields of study for which there is demonstrated interest and the interest expressed by public post-secondary educational institutions to offer graduate-level course work at the center;
- (3) possible governance structures for the center:
- (4) operational and capital costs for the center and how programs would be funded through the higher education funding formula; and
- (5) whether other in-state and out-of-state post-secondary educational institutions should participate in offering graduate-level course work at the center.
- C. The board of regents of northern New Mexico state school shall report its findings and recommendations to the legislature by December 15, 2005.

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