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HOUSE BILL 225

**47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2006**

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AN ACT

RELATING TO INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS; CREATING A READING MATERIALS FUND TO BE USED TO PURCHASE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH-BASED READING MATERIALS FOR CERTAIN READING PROGRAMS; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

Section 1. A new section of the Instructional Material Law is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] READING MATERIALS FUND--CREATED--PURPOSE--APPLICATIONS.--

A. The "reading materials fund" is created in the state treasury. The fund consists of appropriations, gifts, grants and donations. 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, and money in the fund is

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1 appropriated to the department to assist public schools that  
2 want to change their reading programs from the current  
3 adoption. Money in the fund shall be disbursed on warrant of  
4 the secretary of finance and administration pursuant to  
5 vouchers signed by the secretary of public education or the  
6 secretary's authorized representative.

7 B. A school district that wants to use a scientific  
8 research-based core comprehensive, intervention or  
9 supplementary reading program may apply to the department for  
10 money from the reading materials fund to purchase the necessary  
11 instructional materials for the selected program. A school  
12 district may apply for funding for its reading program if:

13 (1) core and supplemental materials are highly  
14 rated by either the Oregon reading first center or the Florida  
15 center for reading research or the materials are listed in the  
16 international dyslexia association's framework for informed  
17 reading and language instruction;

18 (2) the district has selected no more than two  
19 comprehensive published core reading programs; and

20 (3) the district has established a  
21 professional development plan describing how it will provide  
22 teachers with professional development and ongoing support in  
23 the effective use of the selected instructional materials."

24 Section 2. APPROPRIATION.--Five million dollars  
25 (\$5,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the

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1 reading materials fund for expenditure in fiscal year 2006 and  
2 subsequent fiscal years to carry out the purposes of the fund.  
3 Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of  
4 a fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund.

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