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HOUSE BILL 232

48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007

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FOR THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
AND THE WELFARE REFORM OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES
DEPARTMENT TO INCREASE ELIGIBILITY AND SUPPORT FOR CHILD CARE
PROGRAMS.

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

Section 1. APPROPRIATION.--

A. Eighteen million two hundred thousand dollars
(\$18,200,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
children, youth and families department for expenditure in
fiscal year 2008 as follows:

(1) ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) to
expand eligibility for child care programs to two hundred
percent of the federal poverty level and to increase the
reimbursement rate for licensed child care providers;

(2) two million dollars (\$2,000,000) for aim

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1 high and stars programs designed to increase the quality of
2 early child care programs;

3 (3) one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for
4 scholarships to help early childhood teachers study child
5 development and early learning while earning college degrees;

6 (4) one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for a
7 pilot program of wage supplements for early childhood teachers,
8 based on the educational levels that those teachers achieve;
9 and

10 (5) four million two hundred thousand dollars
11 (\$4,200,000) to increase quality services through child
12 development grants for working families with children from
13 birth to five years of age.

14 B. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining
15 at the end of fiscal year 2008 shall revert to the general
16 fund.