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HOUSE BILL 561

48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2008

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AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; CREATING THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SECURITY
INFRASTRUCTURE FUND; ESTABLISHING A PROCESS FOR AWARDING FUNDS
FOR SCHOOL SECURITY GRANTS; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

Section 1. PUBLIC SCHOOL SECURITY INFRASTRUCTURE FUND--
ADMINISTRATION.--

A. The "public school security infrastructure fund"
is created in the state treasury. The fund shall be
administered by the public education department. Money in the
fund is appropriated to the public education department to be
expended pursuant to this section as awards for school security
grants. The public education department may expend no more
than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) in a fiscal year from the
fund to administer the fund and implement the provisions of

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2 B. The public school security infrastructure fund
3 comprises money appropriated by the legislature and grants,
4 gifts, donations or bequests made to the fund. The interest
5 and other earnings on the fund are appropriated to the public
6 school security infrastructure fund. Any unexpended or
7 unencumbered balance remaining in the fund at the end of a
8 fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund.

9 C. The secretary of public education shall:

10 (1) request that school security grant
11 proposals be submitted to the public education department no
12 later than June 30 of each year for construction or
13 installation of security improvements to prevent intruders from
14 entering schools or student transport vehicles and endangering
15 students, teachers or other school personnel, including
16 projects to remodel, renovate or otherwise add to existing
17 public school structures or to reinforce or secure vehicles
18 owned by the school district used to transport students;

19 (2) establish criteria for the form and
20 content of the school security grant proposals; and

21 (3) identify the schools and school districts
22 to which grants will be awarded and disburse money from the
23 public school security infrastructure fund for school security
24 grants no later than December 1 of each year.

25 D. Grants from the public school security

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1 infrastructure fund shall be made by the secretary of public
2 education based on completeness of proposals, priority of the
3 need for the project and soundness of the proposed project. No
4 money from the fund shall be granted to operate programs or for
5 routine maintenance of existing facilities.

6 E. Expenditures from the fund shall be made by
7 warrant issued by the secretary of finance and administration
8 pursuant to vouchers signed by the secretary of public
9 education.

10 Section 2. APPROPRIATION.--Five hundred thousand dollars
11 (\$500,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the public
12 school security infrastructure fund for expenditure in fiscal
13 year 2009 and subsequent fiscal years for the purposes of that
14 fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the
15 end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund.

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