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50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2012

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RELATING TO ADULT BASIC EDUCATION; PROVIDING FOR MATCHING FUNDING FOR INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS FOR ADULT BASIC EDUCATION FROM THE ADULT BASIC EDUCATION APPROPRIATION.

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

Section 21-1-27.5 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1995, SECTION 1. Chapter 56, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

"21-1-27.5. ADULT BASIC EDUCATION FUND CREATED.--The "adult basic education fund" is created in the state treasury. Money in the fund is appropriated to the [commission on] higher education department for the purpose of funding adult basic education programs for educationally disadvantaged adults, including instructional materials. Money in the fund shall be distributed by the [commission] department pursuant to an equitable formula established by the [commission] department in

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consultation with representatives from the adult basic education administrative sites. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining in the fund at the end of each fiscal year shall revert to the general fund."

SECTION 2. Section 21-1-27.6 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1995, Chapter 56, Section 2, as amended) is amended to read:

"21-1-27.6. ADULT BASIC EDUCATION--DISTRIBUTION OF MONEY--OBJECTIVE FORMULA--HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT--ADOPTION OF FORMULA. -- The higher education department in consultation with representatives of adult basic education administrative sites shall create an equitable formula for the distribution of money in the adult basic education fund, including funding for instructional materials for adult basic education students. establishing an equitable formula, the department shall consider the types of programs conducted, the cost of service delivery, the types and cost of instructional materials and the socioeconomic profiles of the adult receiving services. Beginning with fiscal year 2013, the higher education department shall match the instructional materials allocation from the instructional material fund with funding from the appropriation to adult basic education. The higher education department shall review the formula and any proposed changes with the adult basic education administrative sites prior to adoption or amendment."