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SENATE BILL 221

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

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO AUTISM; PROVIDING FOR A SOUTHERN NEW MEXICO AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS CENTER IN DONA ANA COUNTY; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. SOUTHERN NEW MEXICO AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS CENTER--PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR TEACHERS AND OTHER PROFESSIONALS.--The Las Cruces school public district may establish the "southern New Mexico autism spectrum disorders center" in Dona Ana county to provide student academic and behavior support through classroom observation and assistance to educators in developing behavior intervention plans; teacher and instructional support provider training; other service provider training; technical assistance; research assistance; parent or caregiver support; and an autism spectrum disorders

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1 information clearinghouse for educators and other service
2 providers in southern New Mexico. The training, technical
3 assistance, research assistance and information dissemination
4 shall also be available to other persons and community agencies
5 that are directly involved in providing services to children
6 and adolescents identified as having an autism spectrum
7 disorder. The center and the Las Cruces public school district
8 shall prepare an annual report to the governor and the
9 legislature detailing its programs and the number of educators
10 and other persons served.

11 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.--Two hundred twenty thousand
12 dollars (\$220,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
13 public education department for expenditure in fiscal year 2013
14 for distribution to the Las Cruces public school district for
15 operating expenses of the southern New Mexico autism spectrum
16 disorders center. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance
17 remaining at the end of fiscal year 2013 shall revert to the
18 general fund.