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SENATE BILL 324

52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2015

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AN ACT

RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION; CREATING THE NATIVE AMERICAN
SOCIAL WORK STUDIES INSTITUTE AT NEW MEXICO HIGHLANDS
UNIVERSITY; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. [NEW MATERIAL] NEW MEXICO HIGHLANDS

UNIVERSITY--NATIVE AMERICAN SOCIAL WORK STUDIES INSTITUTE
CREATED.--

A. The "Native American social work studies
institute" is created at the Albuquerque campus of New Mexico
highlands university. The purpose of the institute is to
invigorate the social work system for Native Americans in New
Mexico and to prepare social work professionals, both Native
American and non-Native American, for work in Native American
communities on- and off-reservation.

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1 B. The institute will serve as the incubator for
2 the development of a Native American core sequence of social
3 work courses by:

4 (1) identifying methodologies and practices
5 that yield positive outcomes and reveal integrative planes of
6 practice across Native American programs;

7 (2) identifying core elements of practice for
8 construction of the core sequence of courses;

9 (3) serving as a resource and library for
10 Native American life ways and indigenous practice;

11 (4) establishing a six-member curriculum
12 committee comprised of Apache, Navajo and Pueblo social
13 workers; and

14 (5) identifying and fostering development of
15 Native American faculty to teach native content courses.

16 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.**--One hundred twenty thousand
17 dollars (\$120,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
18 board of regents of New Mexico highlands university for
19 expenditure in fiscal year 2016 to create the Native American
20 social work studies institute at the Albuquerque campus of the
21 university. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining
22 at the end of fiscal year 2016 shall revert to the general
23 fund.

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