

HOUSE BILL 449

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AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; CONDUCTING A HAFc → ~~FIVE-YEAR~~, ← HAFc  
STATEWIDE LITERACY INITIATIVE FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS HAFc → ;  
~~MAKING AN APPROPRIATION~~ ← HAFc.

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

SECTION 1. A new section of the Regional Cooperative  
Education Act is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] NORTHEAST REGIONAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE--  
STATEWIDE LITERACY INITIATIVE FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS.

A. The northeast regional education cooperative  
shall conduct a HAFc → ~~five-year~~, ← HAFc statewide literacy

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initiative for children and adults. The cooperative may contract for assistance with the initiative.

B. The initiative shall:

(1) comprise a wide variety of strategies to improve literacy for approximately thirty-five thousand low-income school-age students and approximately six hundred thousand children and adults overall; and

(2) include:

HAFC→(a) reading material that is culturally and linguistically responsive and relevant and age-appropriate for children, students and adults being taught to read or tutored to improve their reading;←HAFC

HAFC→(a) (b)←HAFC working directly and indirectly with low-income pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade students, including after-school literacy tutoring and providing a variety of fiction and informational read-aloud texts to practice oral language and reading fluency skills at school and home;

HAFC→(b) (c)←HAFC providing early childhood literacy services for children and their families;

HAFC→(c) (d)←HAFC providing embedded literacy professional development and mentoring to tutors, teachers, parents and community organizations that support learning;

HAFC→(d) (e)←HAFC community and school

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book distributions through little free libraries located in every community in which the program is conducted that provide free books for readers of all ages and through community and school literacy events;

HAFC→~~(e)~~ (f)←HAFC community reading events, including interactive discussions, instruction on reading components, fun reading activities and read-along events for family and community members to read with children;

HAFC→~~(f)~~ (g)←HAFC teaching parents, extended families and communities the importance of supporting emergent literacy and learning in very young children, including strategies, books and instructional materials for parents and for caregivers who conduct at-home visits to families to encourage early learning at home; and

HAFC→~~(g)~~ (h)←HAFC providing classroom sets with instructional materials tied to the common core principles for kindergarten through third grade, fourth through sixth grade and seventh through twelfth grade teachers to supplement classroom materials.

C. The program shall include assessments to show programmatic success each year."

HAFC→~~SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.--Four million seventy-four thousand nine hundred fifty dollars (\$4,074,950) is appropriated from the general fund to the northeast regional education cooperative for expenditure in fiscal year 2020 to~~

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~~carry out the statewide literacy initiative in 2019 and 2020, including salaries, travel, books and classroom sets, general supplies, tutors and contract management. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2020 shall revert to the general fund.~~←HAFC

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