HOUSE BILL 138

54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2020

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AN ACT

MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR NEW MEXICO TRIBES, NATIONS AND
PUEBLOS TO RESPOND TO THE CONSOLIDATED YAZZIE/MARTINEZ V. STATE
OF NEW MEXICO LAWSUIT.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS.--

A. The following amounts are appropriated from the
general fund to the Indian affairs department for expenditure
in fiscal years 2021 and 2022 for the following purposes:

(1) three million six hundred fifty thousand
dollars ($3,650,000) for tribal departments of education to
fully develop and implement education blueprints and governance
structures to serve New Mexico's American Indian students,
expended as follows:

(a) one hundred fifty thousand dollars
($150,000) for each pueblo and the Jicarilla Apache Nation and
the Mescalero Apache Tribe; and

(b) five hundred thousand dollars

($500,000) for the Navajo Nation in New Mexico;

(2) three million four hundred thousand
dollars ($3,400,000) for tribal departments of education to
develop early childhood culturally and linguistically relevant
curriculum, to design culturally and linguistically relevant
assessment tools and culturally appropriate teacher and program
evaluation instruments, to conduct needs assessments of early
childhood education facilities and to develop plans for
constructing needed facilities, expended as follows:

(a) one hundred fifty thousand dollars

($150,000) for each pueblo and the Jicarilla Apache Nation and
the Mescalero Apache Tribe; and

(b) two hundred fifty thousand dollars

($250,000) for the Navajo Nation in New Mexico;

(3) five million seven hundred fifty thousand
dollars ($5,750,000) for tribal libraries to develop and staff
culturally and linguistically relevant after-school and
community-based summer school programs, expended as follows:

(a) two hundred fifty thousand dollars

($250,000) for each pueblo and the Jicarilla Apache Nation and
the Mescalero Apache Tribe; and

(b) five hundred thousand dollars
($500,000) for the Navajo Nation in New Mexico; and

(4) three million four hundred thousand dollars ($3,400,000) to create, develop and staff information
technology departments to increase support network operations
and user access to high speed internet connections for tribal
education departments and other tribal education entities,
including language programs, schools and educational centers;
and to create information technology and internships to grow
tribal information technology workforces, expended as follows:

(a) one hundred fifty thousand dollars
($150,000) for each pueblo and the Jicarilla Apache Nation and
the Mescalero Apache Tribe; and

(b) two hundred fifty thousand dollars
($250,000) for the Navajo Nation in New Mexico.

B. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining
at the end of fiscal year 2022 shall revert to the general
fund.