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

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS PROVIDED BY THE FEDERAL  
CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT TO THE  
DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TO DESIGN, DEVELOP,  
PROCURE AND IMPLEMENT A MOBILE HIGH-SPEED BROADBAND INTERNET  
NETWORK TO SUPPORT DISTANCE LEARNING AND TELEMEDICINE SERVICES;  
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

**SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.--**

A. Of the seven hundred fifty million dollars  
(\$750,000,000) from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and  
Economic Security Act relief fund allocation transferred to the  
appropriation account of the general fund pursuant to Laws 2020  
(1st S.S.), Chapter 5, Section 14, and subject to the  
contingency provided in that section, fifty million dollars

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1 (\$50,000,000) is appropriated to the department of information  
2 technology for expenditure in fiscal years 2021 and 2022 to  
3 provide and to contract for services for the design,  
4 development, procurement and implementation of a mobile  
5 high-speed broadband internet network to support distance  
6 learning and telemedicine services statewide.

7 B. If the date to expend the allocation referenced  
8 in Subsection A of this section is extended or eliminated by  
9 the federal government, any unexpended or unencumbered balance  
10 remaining at the end of fiscal year 2022 from the appropriation  
11 made in Subsection A of this section shall revert to the  
12 general fund.

13 C. When a public health order that is issued in  
14 response to the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic is in effect,  
15 fifty percent of the expenditures from the funding provided by  
16 this 2020 act shall be to support distance learning and  
17 telemedicine services in areas that either do not currently  
18 have internet service or do not have access to internet speeds  
19 that meet the latest federal communications commission  
20 guidelines for students, video conferencing or streaming  
21 standard definition video, and fifty percent of the  
22 expenditures from the funding provided by this 2020 act shall  
23 be to support distance learning and telemedicine services in  
24 the remaining areas of the state.

25 D. When a public health order that is issued in

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1 response to the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic is not in  
2 effect, the funding provided by this 2020 act shall be to  
3 support distance learning and telemedicine statewide.

4 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public  
5 peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.