

1 SENATE BILL 107

2 **55TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2021**

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10 AN ACT

11 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FOR
12 COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS SYSTEMS STATEWIDE; PROVIDING
13 REQUIREMENTS TO RECEIVE FUNDS.

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

16 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.--

17 A. Three million dollars (\$3,000,000) is
18 appropriated from the general fund to the public education
19 department for expenditure in fiscal years 2022 through 2024 to
20 contract with an organization to address long-term economic
21 development throughout the state through increased college and
22 career readiness by providing proven kindergarten through
23 twelfth grade research-based college and career readiness
24 systems that have a long history of a successful track record
25 in New Mexico of serving low-income, Hispanic, Native American

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1 and African American students and other generationally
2 underserved populations statewide. Any unexpended or
3 unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2024
4 shall revert to the general fund.

5 B. To receive funds, the organization shall have a
6 proven college and career readiness program that:

7 (1) contains comprehensive kindergarten
8 through twelfth grade professional learning around leadership,
9 instruction, cultural relevance, equity and proven systems;

10 (2) aligns the program's activities under the
11 current New Mexico data, accountability, sustainability and
12 high achievement system in place by the public education
13 department;

14 (3) provides powerful teaching and learning
15 strategies that support all content areas and can impact
16 students on a schoolwide and statewide basis; and

17 (4) directly remedies the opportunity gaps
18 based on the *Yazzie/Martinez v. State of New Mexico* lawsuit by
19 providing college and career opportunities for all New Mexico
20 students.

21 C. The public education department shall work in
22 tandem with representatives of the school districts within the
23 New Mexico alliance for college and career readiness in
24 developing a process for the application and distribution of
25 funds.