

HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL 481

56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2023

AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC EDUCATION; AMENDING THE READING MATERIALS
FUND TO FUND ELEMENTARY LITERACY MATERIALS ALIGNED TO THE
SCIENCE OF READING.

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

SECTION 1. Section 22-15-8.2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2006,
Chapter 58, Section 1) is amended to read:

"22-15-8.2. READING MATERIALS FUND--CREATED--PURPOSE--
APPLICATIONS.--

A. The "reading materials fund" is created in the
state treasury. The fund consists of appropriations, gifts,
grants and donations. Money in the fund shall not revert to
any other fund at the end of a fiscal year. The fund shall be
administered by the department, and money in the fund is
appropriated to the department to assist public schools that

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1 want to change their [~~reading programs~~] elementary literacy
2 materials from the current adoption. Money in the fund shall
3 be disbursed on warrant of the secretary of finance and
4 administration pursuant to vouchers signed by the secretary of
5 public education or the secretary's authorized representative.

6 B. A school district that wants to use a scientific
7 research-based core comprehensive, intervention or
8 supplementary reading program aligned with explicit,
9 systematic, diagnostic, cumulative instruction in phonological
10 and phonemic awareness, phonics, syllable types, morphology,
11 semantics and syntax may apply to the department for money from
12 the reading materials fund to purchase the necessary
13 instructional materials for the selected program [~~A school~~
14 ~~district may apply for funding for its reading program if~~];
15 provided that the school district selects no more than two
16 comprehensive published core reading programs and the school
17 district has established a literacy professional development
18 plan that includes a detailed framework for structured literacy
19 training and ongoing support in the effective use of the
20 selected instructional materials. Materials eligible for
21 funding shall be:

22 (1) core [~~and~~] materials that are on the New
23 Mexico kindergarten through eighth grade English language arts,
24 Spanish language arts, English language development and world
25 languages instructional materials adopted list and have

1 received structured literacy recognition from the department;

2 or

3 (2) intervention or supplemental materials
4 that are [highly rated by either the Oregon reading first
5 center or the Florida center for reading research or the
6 materials are listed in the international dyslexia
7 association's framework for informed reading and language
8 instruction;

9 ~~(2) the district selects no more than two~~
10 ~~comprehensive published core reading programs; and~~

11 ~~(3) the district has established a~~
12 ~~professional development plan describing how it will provide~~
13 ~~teachers with professional development and ongoing support in~~
14 ~~the effective use of the selected instructional materials] on~~
15 ~~the advisory list of instructional programming created by the~~
16 ~~Colorado department of education or meet the criteria of the~~
17 ~~New Mexico structured literacy instructional review rubric."~~

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