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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
want to change their elementary literacy materials from the
current adoption. Money in the fund shall be disbursed on
warrant of the secretary of finance and administration
pursuant to vouchers signed by the secretary of public
education or the secretary's authorized representative.

B. A school district that wants to use a
scientific research-based core comprehensive, intervention or
supplementary reading program aligned with explicit,
systematic, diagnostic, cumulative instruction in

1 phonological and phonemic awareness, phonics, syllable types,
2 morphology, semantics and syntax may apply to the department
3 for money from the reading materials fund to purchase the
4 necessary instructional materials for the selected program;
5 provided that the school district selects no more than two
6 comprehensive published core reading programs and the school
7 district has established a literacy professional development
8 plan that includes a detailed framework for structured
9 literacy training and ongoing support in the effective use of
10 the selected instructional materials. Materials eligible for
11 funding shall be:

12 (1) core materials that are on the New
13 Mexico kindergarten through eighth grade English language
14 arts, Spanish language arts, English language development and
15 world languages instructional materials adopted list and have
16 received structured literacy recognition from the department;
17 or

18 (2) intervention or supplemental materials
19 that are on the advisory list of instructional programming
20 created by the Colorado department of education or meet the
21 criteria of the New Mexico structured literacy instructional
22 review rubric."
