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AN ACT

RELATING TO THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT; MAKING
APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE EXPENSE OF THE FIFTY-SIXTH
LEGISLATURE, SECOND SESSION, 2024, AND FOR OTHER LEGISLATIVE
EXPENSES, INCLUDING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SERVICE, THE
LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE, THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION
STUDY COMMITTEE, THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE, THE HOUSE CHIEF
CLERK'S OFFICE, THE SENATE CHIEF CLERK'S OFFICE AND OTHER
EXPENSES OF THE LEGISLATURE; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. SESSION EXPENSES.--

A. There is appropriated from the general fund for
the expense of the legislative department of the state of New
Mexico for the second session of the fifty-sixth legislature
for per diem and mileage of its members, for salaries of
employees and for other expenses of the legislature, seven
million twenty-one thousand nine hundred dollars (\$7,021,900)
or so much thereof as may be necessary for such purposes.

B. The expenditures referred to in Subsection A of
this section are as follows:

- (1) per diem for senators \$240,700;
- (2) per diem for members of the house of
representatives \$401,100;
- (3) mileage traveled by members of the

1 senate going to and returning from the seat of government by
2 the usually traveled route, one round trip. \$7,400;

3 (4) mileage traveled by members of the house
4 of representatives going to and returning from the seat of
5 government by the usually traveled route, one round trip. . .
6 \$12,300;

7 (5) salaries and employee benefits of senate
8 employees \$2,096,100;

9 (6) salaries and employee benefits of house
10 of representatives employees. \$1,872,000;

11 (7) for expense of the senate not itemized
12 above, four hundred seventy-nine thousand six hundred dollars
13 (\$479,600). No part of this item may be transferred to
14 salaries or employee benefits;

15 (8) for expense of the house of
16 representatives not itemized above, four hundred fifty-five
17 thousand five hundred dollars (\$455,500). No part of this
18 item may be transferred to salaries or employee benefits; and

19 (9) for session expenses of the legislative
20 council service, the joint billroom and mailroom and joint
21 legislative switchboard, one million four hundred fifty-seven
22 thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,457,200) to be disbursed
23 upon vouchers signed by the director of the legislative
24 council service or the director's designee.

25 C. The expenditures for the senate shall be

1 disbursed on vouchers signed by the chair of the committees'
2 committee and the chief clerk of the senate or the chief
3 clerk's designee. The expenditures for the house of
4 representatives shall be disbursed on vouchers signed by the
5 speaker and chief clerk of the house or the chief clerk's
6 designee. Following adjournment of the session, expenditures
7 authorized pursuant to Paragraphs (1) through (8) of
8 Subsection B of this section shall be disbursed upon vouchers
9 signed by the director of the legislative council service or
10 the director's designee.

11 D. Under the printing contracts entered into for
12 the second session of the fifty-sixth legislature, the chair
13 of the committees' committee of the senate, subject to the
14 approval of the committee, and the speaker of the house of
15 representatives are authorized and directed to provide for
16 the printing of all bills, resolutions, joint resolutions,
17 memorials and joint memorials introduced in the senate or
18 house, the printing of the bill locator and the printing of
19 all necessary stationery required for use in the respective
20 houses. They are further directed to provide for the
21 purchase of all supplies necessary for use in the respective
22 houses within the appropriation provided. The orders for
23 printing, stationery and supplies shall be approved by the
24 chair of the committees' committee in the senate or by the
25 speaker of the house.

1 **SECTION 2. BILLS AND OTHER PRINTED MATERIALS.**--For the
2 second session of the fifty-sixth legislature, bills,
3 resolutions, joint resolutions, memorials and joint memorials
4 delivered to the printer shall be returned by the printer to
5 the joint billroom within forty-two hours after they are
6 ordered to be printed. The billroom personnel shall supply a
7 complete file of bills, resolutions, joint resolutions,
8 memorials, joint memorials and other printed distribution
9 materials to the following:

10 A. upon request, one copy to each member of the
11 house of representatives and the senate;

12 B. upon written request, one copy to each county
13 clerk, district judge, radio or television station and
14 newspaper and to the general library of each state-supported
15 institution of higher learning; and

16 C. upon written request, one copy to each state
17 department, commission, board, institution or agency, each
18 elected state official, each incorporated municipality, each
19 district attorney, each ex-governor, each member of the New
20 Mexico congressional delegation and each school district in
21 the state.

22 **SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SERVICE.**--There is
23 appropriated from the general fund to the legislative council
24 service for expenditure in fiscal year 2025, to be disbursed
25 upon vouchers signed by the director of the legislative

1 council service or the director's designee, the following:

2	Personal Services & Employee Benefits	\$8,899,900
3	Contractual Services	620,000
4	Other Costs	1,104,000
5	Total	\$10,623,900.

6 SECTION 4. LEGISLATURE.--There is appropriated from the
7 general fund, unless otherwise indicated, for the expense of
8 the legislative department, not provided for in Section 1 of
9 this act, for expenditure in fiscal year 2025, unless
10 otherwise indicated, to be disbursed on vouchers signed by
11 the director of the legislative council service or the
12 director's designee, the following:

13 A. for travel expenses of legislators other than
14 New Mexico legislative council members, on legislative
15 council business, for committee travel, staff and other
16 necessary expenses for other interim committees and for other
17 necessary legislative expenses, three million dollars
18 (\$3,000,000); provided that the New Mexico legislative
19 council may transfer amounts from the appropriation in this
20 subsection, during the fiscal years for which appropriated,
21 to any other legislative appropriation where they may be
22 needed;

23 B. for pre-session expenditures and for necessary
24 contracts, supplies and personnel for interim session
25 preparation, five hundred ten thousand dollars (\$510,000);

1 C. for a statewide legislative intern program,
2 sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000);

3 D. for expenditure in fiscal years 2024 and 2025,
4 for dues and fees of national organizations of which the
5 legislature is a member, four hundred seventy-five thousand
6 one hundred dollars (\$475,100);

7 E. for the legislative information system, for
8 fiscal years 2024 and 2025, two million seven hundred
9 seventy-three thousand six hundred dollars (\$2,773,600);

10 F. for the interim duties of the senate rules
11 committee, thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000); and

12 G. for the contractual services of the capitol
13 buildings planning commission, two hundred fifty thousand
14 dollars (\$250,000).

15 SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE.--There is
16 appropriated from the general fund to the legislative finance
17 committee for expenditure in fiscal year 2025, to be
18 disbursed upon vouchers signed by the chair of the committee
19 or the chair's designated representative, the following:

20	Personal Services & Employee Benefits	\$6,294,800
21	Contractual Services	386,000
22	Other Costs	636,000
23	Total	\$7,316,800.

24 SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE.--

25 There is appropriated from the general fund to the

1 legislative education study committee for expenditure in
2 fiscal year 2025, to be disbursed on vouchers signed by the
3 chair of the committee or the chair's designated
4 representative, the following:

5	Personal Services & Employee Benefits	\$1,596,500
6	Contractual Services	70,000
7	Other Costs	190,000
8	Total	\$1,856,500.

9 SECTION 7. HOUSE CHIEF CLERK.--There is appropriated
10 from the general fund to the legislative council service for
11 expenditure in fiscal year 2025 for the operation of the
12 house chief clerk's office, to be disbursed on vouchers
13 signed by the director of the legislative council service,
14 the following:

15	Personal Services & Employee Benefits	\$2,953,500
16	Contractual Services	333,800
17	Other Costs	70,000
18	Total	\$3,357,300.

19 SECTION 8. SENATE CHIEF CLERK.--There is appropriated
20 from the general fund to the legislative council service for
21 expenditure in fiscal year 2025 for the operation of the
22 senate chief clerk's office, to be disbursed on vouchers
23 signed by the director of the legislative council service,
24 the following:

25	Personal Services & Employee Benefits	\$2,605,200
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1	Contractual Services	656,000
2	Other Costs	105,900
3	Total	\$3,367,100.

4 **SECTION 9. OFFICIAL MASTER DATABASE OF LAWS--SELF-**
5 **PUBLICATION--FREE ACCESS TECHNOLOGY--HARD-COPY PUBLICATION.--**

6 There is appropriated from the legislative cash balances for
7 the legislative department's share of the continued
8 development required for the master database of official
9 annotated laws of the state, markup language and tagging and
10 its use for legislative document systems and a tagged
11 database of the session laws and for the costs associated in
12 collaborating with the New Mexico compilation commission on
13 the ongoing development and expanding partnership role with
14 the New Mexico compilation commission in the self-publication
15 of the *New Mexico Statutes Annotated 1978*, including
16 technology for freely accessible laws and hard-copy
17 publication, four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) for
18 expenditure during fiscal years 2024 and 2025.

19 **SECTION 10. CATEGORY TRANSFER.--**Amounts set out in
20 Sections 3 through 8 of this act are provided for
21 informational purposes only and may be transferred among
22 categories.

23 **SECTION 11. PERFORMANCE MEASURES.--**Each legislative
24 agency shall adhere to the performance measures specified in
25 its strategic plan and shall make reports as required in that

1 plan.

2 SECTION 12. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public
3 peace, health and safety that this act take effect
4 immediately. _____

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