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HOUSE BILL 123

57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2026

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS; REQUIRING THE PUBLIC EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT TO MAINTAIN AN INTEGRATED DIGITAL SYSTEM FOR SCHOOL
DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS TO MANAGE FUNDING FROM CERTAIN
STATE AND FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAMS; REQUIRING SCHOOL DISTRICTS
AND CHARTER SCHOOLS TO APPLY FOR FUNDING FROM CERTAIN STATE AND
FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAMS THROUGH A UNIFIED APPLICATION; REQUIRING
THE PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO APPROVE A SCHOOL DISTRICT'S
OR CHARTER SCHOOL'S PROPOSED EXPENDITURES; MAKING AN
APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. A new section of the Public School Code is
enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] UNIFIED APPLICATION FOR STATE AND FEDERAL
GRANTS.--

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1 A. The department shall maintain an integrated
2 digital system for school districts and charter schools to
3 manage funding from state and federal grant programs. The
4 system shall include a unified application that:

5 (1) consolidates common requirements across
6 state and federal grant programs;

7 (2) automates data entry and calculations;

8 (3) creates a single source of accurate and
9 consistent data for each school district and charter school;

10 (4) categorizes grant programs with unique
11 grant codes;

12 (5) categorizes the types of expenditures
13 authorized across grant programs with unique expenditure codes;
14 and

15 (6) provides a mechanism for the department or
16 a school district or charter school to monitor compliance with
17 grant program requirements.

18 B. School districts and charter schools shall apply
19 for and manage funding from the following grant programs
20 through the integrated digital system:

21 (1) grant programs established pursuant to the
22 federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as
23 amended by the federal Every Student Succeeds Act;

24 (2) grant programs established pursuant to the
25 federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act;

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1 (3) grant programs established pursuant to the
2 Community Schools Act;

3 (4) all grant programs established to promote
4 literacy or reading proficiency pursuant to the Public School
5 Code; and

6 (5) other state or federal grant programs
7 required by the department after consultation with the
8 legislative education study committee and the legislative
9 finance committee.

10 C. When a school district or charter school applies
11 for grant program funding through the integrated digital
12 system, the school district or charter school shall provide
13 line-item details for each proposed expenditure, and those
14 proposed expenditures shall be subject to the department's
15 approval."

16 SECTION 2. TEMPORARY PROVISION.--The digital system or
17 unified application currently used by the public education
18 department shall comply with the provisions of this act by
19 December 31, 2026.

20 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION.--One million dollars
21 (\$1,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
22 public education department for expenditure in fiscal years
23 2026 and 2027 to bring into compliance or otherwise maintain
24 the integrated digital system for school districts and charter
25 schools to manage funding from state and federal grant

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1 programs. Any unexpended balance remaining at the end of
2 fiscal year 2027 shall revert to the general fund.

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