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HOUSE BILL 205

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

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AN ACT

RELATING TO SCHOOL PERSONNEL; CREATING A CAREER TECHNICAL  
EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM IN THE WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS DEPARTMENT TO  
PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS AND  
PUBLIC COMMUNITY COLLEGE FACULTY; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. [NEW MATERIAL] CAREER TECHNICAL EXTERNSHIP  
PROGRAM--CREATED.--The "career technical externship program" is  
created as a professional development program in the workforce  
solutions department. The program shall pair career technical  
teachers in public schools and career technical faculty at  
public community colleges with various industry representatives  
of high-skill, in-demand and emerging professions and  
occupations to enhance teachers' technical skills and their  
understanding of changing standards, procedures and workforce

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1 needs in traditional or rapidly advancing career technical  
2 fields. The workforce solutions department shall collaborate  
3 with the public education department and career technical  
4 faculty at public community colleges to design the externship  
5 program and the process for applying for an externship,  
6 including qualifications, review and selection of extern  
7 candidates.

8       **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.**--Two hundred fifty thousand  
9 dollars (\$250,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the  
10 workforce solutions department for expenditure in fiscal year  
11 2027 to implement and administer the career technical  
12 externship program. Any unexpended balance remaining at the  
13 end of fiscal year 2027 shall revert to the general fund.

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