

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT;  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE EXPENSE OF THE FORTY-THIRD  
LEGISLATURE, SECOND SESSION, 1998 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 AND THE SENATE CHIEF CLERK'S OFFICE; DECLARING  
AN EMERGENCY.

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

Section 1. There is appropriated for the expense of the legislative department of the state of New Mexico for the forty-third legislature, second session, for per diem and mileage of the members, for salaries of employees and for other expenses of the legislature, the sum of three million seven hundred twenty-seven thousand eight hundred fifty dollars (\$3,727,850) or so much thereof as may be necessary for such purposes.

Section 2. The expenditures referred to in Section 1 of this act are as follows:

- A. per diem for senators ----- \$ 157,500;
- B. per diem for members of the house of  
representatives ----- \$ 270,000;
- C. mileage traveled by members of the senate

going to and returning from the seat of government by the usually traveled route, one round trip ----- \$ 4, 068;

D. mileage traveled by members of the house of representatives going to and returning from the seat of government by the usually traveled route, one round trip ----- \$ 6, 324;

E. salaries and employee benefits of senate employees ----- \$ 913, 971;

F. salaries and employee benefits of house of representatives employees ----- \$ 1, 204, 873;

G. for expense of the senate not itemized above, two hundred eighty-three thousand six hundred eighty dollars (\$283, 680). No part of this item may be transferred to salaries or employee benefits;

H. for expense of the house of representatives not itemized above, two hundred ninety-six thousand three hundred thirty-four dollars (\$296, 334). No part of this item may be transferred to salaries or employee benefits;

I. the expenditures for the house of representatives shall be disbursed on vouchers signed by the speaker and chief clerk of the house; the expenditures for the senate shall be disbursed on vouchers signed by the

chairman of the committees' committee and the chief clerk of the senate; and

J. for session expenses of the legislative council service, the joint billroom and mailroom and joint legislative switchboard, five hundred ninety-one thousand one hundred dollars (\$591,100) to be disbursed upon vouchers signed by the director of the legislative council service. Following adjournment of the session, expenditures authorized under Subsections E through H of this section shall be disbursed upon vouchers signed by the director of the legislative council service.

Section 3. Computers purchased by the legislature are to be placed in the custody of the legislative council service by the chief clerks of the respective houses as soon after the session as practicable. Computers not needed for legislative use may be offered for resale to state agencies, public officials, public institutions and local public bodies at a fair market price as determined by the legislative council, and the proceeds shall be deposited in the legislative information system fund.

Section 4. Under the printing contracts entered into for the forty-third legislature, second session, the chairman of the committees' committee of the senate, subject to the approval of the committee, and the speaker of the house of representatives are authorized and directed to provide for

the printing of all bills, resolutions, joint resolutions, memorials and joint memorials introduced in the senate or house, the printing of the weekly bill locator and the printing of all necessary stationery required for use in the respective houses. They are further directed to provide for the purchase of all supplies necessary for use in the respective houses within the appropriation provided. The orders for printing, stationery and supplies shall be approved by the chairman of the committees' committee in the senate or by the speaker for the house.

Section 5. For the second session of the forty-third legislature, bills, resolutions, joint resolutions, memorials and joint memorials delivered to the printer shall be returned by the printer to the joint billroom within forty-two hours after they are ordered to be printed. The billroom personnel shall supply a complete file of bills, resolutions, joint resolutions, memorials, joint memorials and other printed distribution materials to the following:

A. one copy to each member of the house of representatives and senate;

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

C. upon written request therefor, one copy to

each state department, commission, board, institution or agency, each elected state official, each incorporated municipality, each district attorney, each ex-governor, each member of the New Mexico congressional delegation and each public school district in the state.

Section 6. Any person not enumerated in Section 5 of this act may secure a complete file of the bills, resolutions, joint resolutions, memorials and joint memorials of the legislature by depositing with the legislative council service the amount of three hundred dollars (\$300), which deposit shall be paid to the state treasurer to the credit of the legislative expense fund. Additional single copies of items of legislation shall be sold for one dollar (\$1.00) unless the director of the legislative council service shall, because of its length, assign a higher price not to exceed ten cents (\$.10) per page. Copies of a daily bill locator, other than those copies furnished each member of the respective houses, shall be supplied by the legislative council service at a charge of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) for the entire session.

Section 7. There is appropriated from the general fund to the legislative council service for fiscal year 1999 unless otherwise indicated, to be disbursed on vouchers signed by the director of the legislative council service, the following:

A. Personal Services	\$ 1, 928, 400
Employee Benefits	618, 300
Travel	132, 100
Maintenance & Repairs	48, 500
Supplies & Materials	41, 200
Contractual Services	202, 900
Operating Costs	291, 100
Other Operating Costs	250, 000
Capital Outlay	77, 500
Out-of-State Travel	111, 000
Total	\$ 3, 701, 000;

B. for travel expenses of legislators other than New Mexico legislative council members, on legislative council business, for committee travel, staff and other necessary expenses for other interim committees and for other necessary legislative expenses for fiscal year 1999, the sum of nine hundred eighty-five thousand dollars (\$985,000); provided that the New Mexico legislative council may transfer amounts from the appropriation in this subsection, during the fiscal year for which appropriated, to any other legislative appropriation where they may be needed;

C. for pre-session expenditures and for necessary contracts, supplies and personnel for interim session preparation, the sum of three hundred fifty-two thousand three hundred dollars (\$352,300); and

D. for a statewide legislative intern program, the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000).

Section 8. There is appropriated from the general fund to the legislative finance committee for fiscal year 1999, to be disbursed on vouchers signed by the chairman of the committee or his designated representative, the following:

Personal Services	\$ 1,526,400
Employee Benefits	447,800
Travel	136,000
Maintenance & Repairs	26,500
Supplies & Materials	26,700
Contractual Services	166,000
Operating Costs	92,700
Capital Outlay	12,200
Out-of-State Travel	34,500
Total	\$ 2,468,800.

Section 9. There is appropriated from the general fund to the legislative education study committee for fiscal year 1999, to be disbursed on vouchers signed by the chairman of the committee or his designated representative, the following:

Personal Services	\$ 452,400
Employee Benefits	125,100
Travel	70,000
Maintenance & Repairs	15,000

Supplies & Materials	14, 700
Contractual Services	15, 000
Operating Costs	19, 000
Capital Outlay	17, 700
Out-of-State Travel	15, 000
Total	\$ 743, 900.

During fiscal year 1999, in carrying out its statutory responsibility, the legislative education study committee shall examine early childhood education programs and programs for students at risk; and identify federal funds expended on these programs, the objectives and requirements for the programs and the agencies responsible for implementing and carrying out the programs. The committee shall evaluate the effectiveness of each program, identify any duplication of effort and determine how to ensure that the needs of New Mexico's children are met. The committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the first session of the forty-fourth legislature for streamlining and coordinating the programs to maximize the utilization of federal dollars so that the greatest number of children at all levels are served.

Section 10. There is appropriated from the general fund to the legislative council service for the interim duties of the senate rules committee the sum of twenty-one thousand six hundred dollars (\$21,600) for fiscal year 1999.



Section 11. There is appropriated from the general fund to the legislative council service for expenditure in fiscal year 1999 for the operation of the house chief clerk's office, to be disbursed on vouchers signed by the director of the legislative council service, the following:

Personal Services	\$ 195,600
Employee Benefits	64,100
Travel	1,900
Maintenance & Repairs	50
Supplies	1,000
Contractual Services	3,000
Operating Costs	3,900
Out-of-State Travel	16,500
Total	\$ 286,050.

Section 12. There is appropriated from the general fund to the legislative council service for expenditure in fiscal year 1999 for the operation of the senate chief clerk's office, to be disbursed on vouchers signed by the director of the legislative council service, the following:

Personal Services	\$ 195,600
Employee Benefits	64,709
Travel	2,100
Maintenance & Repairs	225
Supplies	1,000
Contractual Services	19,200

Operating Costs	3,920
Out-of-State Travel	11,472
Total	\$ 298,226.

Section 13. CATEGORY TRANSFER.--Amounts set out in Sections 7, 8, 9, 11 and 12 of this act are provided for informational purposes only and may be freely transferred among categories.

Section 14. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.

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