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SENATE BILL 366

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1998

INTRODUCED BY

CYNTHIA NAVA

AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EARLY CHILDHOOD-FAMILY  
SUPPORT AND EDUCATION TRAINING PROGRAM; MAKING APPROPRIATIONS.

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] EARLY CHILDHOOD-FAMILY SUPPORT AND  
EDUCATION TRAINING PROGRAM --

A. The department of education, upon approval of  
an application, shall distribute money to those school  
districts that address the following program elements:

(1) implementation or augmentation of before-  
and after-school programs for children ages five through  
eight;

(2) implementation or augmentation of

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1 programs addressing the educational needs and family support  
2 needs of children ages five through eight; and

3 (3) implementation or augmentation of job  
4 skills and leadership development for mothers and fathers of  
5 participants who are recipients of federal and state support.

6 B. In applying for funding, school districts shall  
7 establish partnerships with local community-based public and  
8 private programs. Each funded application shall include and  
9 demonstrate a family involvement component that is based on  
10 family support principles for each of the program elements  
11 described in Subsection A of this section. School districts  
12 shall maintain fiscal agent responsibility in a partnership.

13 C. The program shall reflect the employment and  
14 economic development needs of the local community and  
15 encompass health, safety and nutrition. The program shall  
16 support the educational and developmental needs of children,  
17 address cultural diversity and provide family support.

18 D. By July 1, 1998, the department of education  
19 shall develop guidelines for the application process,  
20 disseminate those guidelines to all school districts and  
21 provide technical assistance in developing applications. The  
22 department, in partnership with other agencies and interested  
23 persons, shall define application criteria inclusive of at-  
24 risk indicators, quality performance indicators and benchmarks  
25 that ensure positive results for participants and provide

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1 strong accountability measures for the public.

2 E. A phase-in process may be instituted by a  
3 school district to develop the needed coordination with local  
4 community-based public and private programs and other  
5 resources. "

6 Section 2. APPROPRIATIONS. --

7 A. Five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) is  
8 appropriated from the general fund to the state department of  
9 public education for expenditure in fiscal years 1998 and 1999  
10 to develop and disseminate application guidelines and  
11 otherwise carry out the administration of Section 1 of this  
12 act. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the  
13 end of fiscal year 1999 shall revert to the general fund.

14 B. One million dollars (\$1,000,000) is  
15 appropriated from the general fund and six million dollars  
16 (\$6,000,000) is appropriated from federal funds available  
17 through the federal Personal Responsibility and Work  
18 Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 to the state department  
19 of public education for expenditure in fiscal year 1999 and  
20 subsequent fiscal years to carry out the early childhood-  
21 family support and education training program. Any unexpended  
22 or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of a fiscal year  
23 shall not revert to the general fund.

1 FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE  
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8 Mr. President:  
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10 Your COMMITTEES' COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred  
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14 has had it under consideration and finds same to be GERMANE, in  
15 accordance with constitutional provisions, and thence referred to the  
16 EDUCATION COMMITTEE.  
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19 Respectfully submitted,  
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Manny M. Aragon, Chairman

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