1	HOUSE BILL 727
2	44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999
3	INTRODUCED BY
4	W. C. "Dub" Williams
5	
6	
7	
8	
9	
10	AN ACT
11	MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR CHARACTER COUNTS PROGRAMS
12	STATEWI DE.
13	
14	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:
15	Section 1. APPROPRIATION
16	A. Nine hundred eighty-five thousand dollars
17	(\$985,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the state
18	department of public education for expenditure in fiscal year
19	2000 for the purpose of paying for character counts programs
20	statewide. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining
21	at the end of fiscal year 2000 shall revert to the general
22	fund.
23	B. The appropriation made in this section shall be
24	expended for the following purposes:
25	(1) develop and maintain an electronic
	. 127738. 1

underscored material = new
[bracketed material] = delete

1	clearing-house, including a library, resource center and
2	communications; and
3	(2) provide programmatic activities,
4	i ncl udi ng:
5	(a) statewide training;
6	(b) materials procurement and
7	di stri buti on;
8	(c) consultation services and support
9	for both new and existing programs;
10	(d) community start-up initiatives; and
11	(e) coordinate annual character
12	development recognition programs.
13	C. The state department of public education shall
14	distribute the appropriation statewide to communities having
15	or initiating character development programs. The department
16	shall develop a request for proposal process for distribution
17	of the funds with the assistance of a statewide character
18	counts coordinating organization. Schools and communities
19	shall be eligible for:
20	(1) one dollar fifty cents (\$1.50) per
21	student for character development programs, activities and
22	materials, except that a minimum of five hundred dollars
23	(\$500) shall be made available to each school; and
24	(2) communities on a matching fund basis of
25	seventy-five cents (§.75) per student, except that a minimum
	. 127738. 1 - 2 -

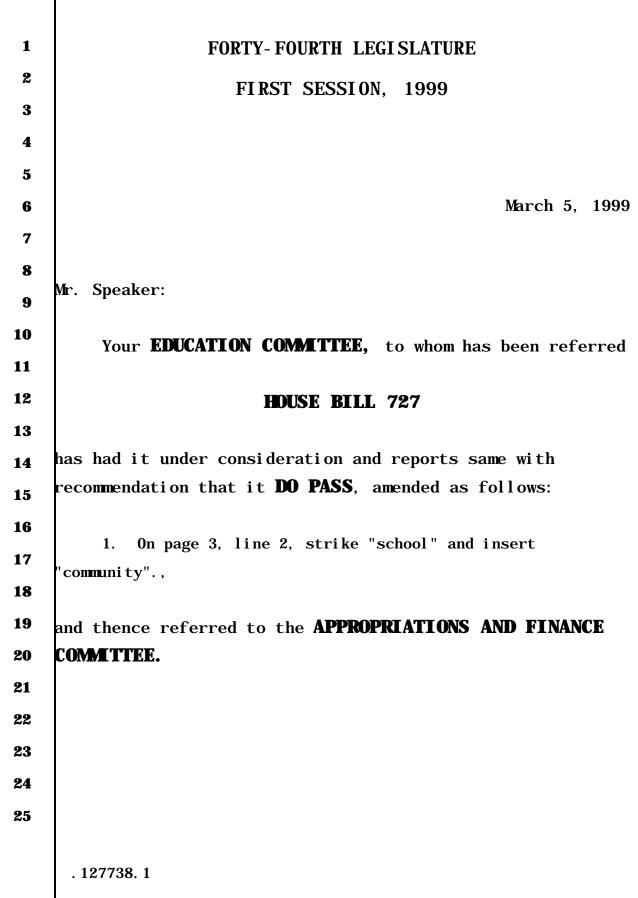
I

of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) shall be made available to
 each school.

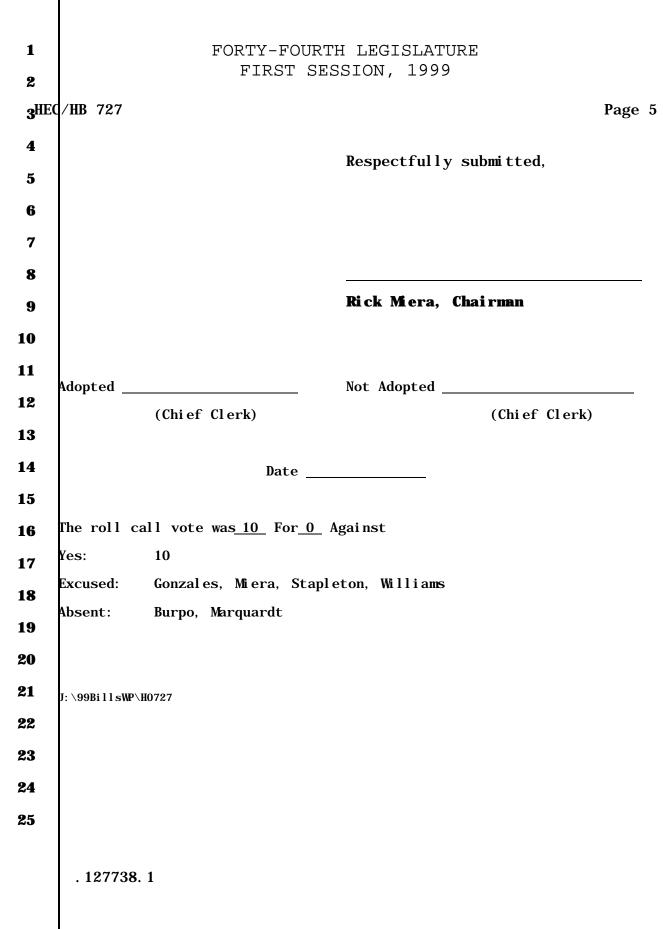
Any funds not disbursed pursuant to Paragraphs D. (1) and (2) of Subsection C of this section shall, within six months of receipt, be allocated by the state department of public education after seeking recommendations from a statewide character counts coordinating organization. _ 3 -. 127738. 1

[bracketed mterial] = delete

underscored material = new



<u>underscored material = new</u> [bracketed material] = delete



<u>underscored material = new</u> [bracketed mterial] = delete