

## AN ACT TO CREATE EXCELLENCE IN ARTS EDUCATION

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO SUPPORT THE DEPLOYMENT OF NATIONAL CORE ARTS STANDARDS ALIGNING WITH THE STATE STANDARDS, EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR FINE ARTS INSTRUCTION FOR VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS SPECIALISTS, CLASSROOM TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATORS, AND THEREBY STUDENTS AND COMMUNITIES STATEWIDE.

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

Section 1: APPROPRIATION - - Up to Three Hundred Thousand (\$300,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the public education department for expenditure beginning in fiscal year 2015, specifically designated for professional development of visual and performing arts specialists, classroom teachers, administrators and community teams; support systems and expertise available through regional training centers and professional arts education organizations throughout the state will be utilized.

The professional development will be guided by alignment of the National Arts Standards to the New Mexico Fine Arts Content Standards. Professional and contract staff will be hired to develop, manage, and maintain oversight of the project. Critical elements of the project include Standards alignment, professional development, technical assistance, program support for grades pre- K-12, and documentation of professional development for the purpose of standards implementation. Any balance remaining at the end of the fiscal year shall move into the next fiscal year through the life of the program.