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SENATE BILL 20

44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO -2ND SPECIAL SESSION, 2000

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; REWARDING SCHOOLS FOR IMPROVED STUDENT
ACHIEVEMENT; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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] MERIT AWARDS.--

A. The department of education shall design a
merit award program for elementary, middle and junior high
schools. The department may promulgate rules to carry out
the provisions of this section.

B. Each year a merit award of ten thousand dollars
(\$10,000) shall be awarded to one elementary, middle and
junior high school. The merit award shall be distributed to
the school that has achieved the greatest improvement in
student achievement.

C. Each year a merit award of two thousand dollars

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1 (\$2,000) shall be awarded to the top two percent of
2 elementary, middle and junior high school teachers. The
3 merit award shall be distributed to the teachers whose
4 classes have achieved the greatest improvement in student
5 achievement.

6 D. For purposes of this section, student
7 achievement shall be measured by nationally standardized test
8 scores and other criteria adopted by the department of
9 education."

10 Section 2. APPROPRIATION.--Eight hundred fifty thousand
11 dollars (\$850,000) is appropriated from the general fund to
12 the state department of public education for expenditure in
13 fiscal year 2001 to design and fund a merit award program for
14 teachers and elementary, middle and junior high schools. Any
15 unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of
16 fiscal year 2001 shall revert to the general fund.

17 Section 3. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public
18 peace, health and safety that this act take effect
19 immediately.