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SENATE BILL 21

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

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AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
EDUCATION TO IDENTIFY AND TREAT MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS IN
KINDERGARTEN THROUGH THIRD GRADE STUDENTS; DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY.

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

Section 1. APPROPRIATION.--

A. Five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) is
appropriated from the general fund to the state department of
public education for expenditure in fiscal year 2001 in the
following amounts for the following purposes:

(1) one hundred fifty thousand dollars
(\$150,000) to purchase mental health early identification and
violence prediction instruments;

(2) two hundred fifty thousand dollars
(\$250,000) to train kindergarten though third grade teachers,
social workers and counselors how to identify mental health

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1 problems in students and how to interpret mental health early
2 identification and violence prediction instruments; and

3 (3) one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000)
4 to contract for community-based mental health services for
5 students with mental health problems.

6 B. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance
7 remaining at the end of fiscal year 2001 shall revert to the
8 general fund.

9 Section 2. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public
10 peace, health and safety that this act take effect
11 immediately.

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