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HOUSE BILL 829

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003

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AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; CREATING THE FUTURE TEACHERS PROGRAM TO
RECRUIT, MENTOR AND PREPARE STUDENTS FOR CAREERS IN TEACHING;
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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 FUTURE TEACHERS PROGRAM - CREATED - - CONTRACT
FOR SERVICES. - -

A. The department of education shall design and
implement the "future teachers program" to recruit, mentor and
prepare students who attend the public schools and the public
post-secondary educational institutions for a career in
teaching.

B. The department of education may contract for

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1 services with a New Mexico nonprofit organization to design and
2 implement the future teachers program. The program shall be
3 based on successful practices that increase teaching excellence
4 and shall include the following:

5 (1) a teacher preparation initiative that
6 supplements higher education programs for teacher preparation
7 and includes ongoing summer instruction in teaching
8 methodologies, classroom experience and mentoring by New Mexico
9 teachers who are recognized for their teaching excellence;

10 (2) a plan for students in grades six through
11 the post-secondary level that provides activities to support
12 and encourage students to enter the teaching profession.
13 Activities may include current issues in education and hands-on
14 opportunities to observe teachers, tutor younger students and
15 learn teaching methods through innovative lessons; and

16 (3) an evaluation component that measures the
17 short- and long-term success of the program."

18 Section 2. APPROPRIATION.--Three hundred thousand dollars
19 (\$300,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the state
20 department of public education for expenditure in fiscal year
21 2004 to design and implement the future teachers program. Any
22 unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of
23 fiscal year 2004 shall revert to the general fund.