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SENATE BILL 61

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

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS; PROVIDING FOR EXPANSION AND
DEVELOPMENT IN THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM IN PUBLIC
SCHOOLS; CREATING A FUND; 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 ADVANCED PLACEMENT TEACHERS-- PROGRAM
DEVELOPMENT FUND-- CREATED-- DISTRIBUTIONS. --

A. The "advanced placement program development
fund" is created in the state treasury. The fund consists of
appropriations and gifts and grants from public or private
sources. Money in the fund shall not revert to any other fund
at the end of any fiscal year. The department of education
shall administer the fund. Money in the fund is appropriated

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1 to the department for expenditure in fiscal year 2004 and
2 subsequent fiscal years. Money in the fund shall be expended
3 only upon warrant of the secretary of finance and
4 administration pursuant to vouchers signed by the state
5 superintendent or his authorized representative.

6 B. Money in the fund shall be used for public
7 school teachers in grades six through twelve to obtain and
8 maintain professional development relevant to the instruction
9 of advanced placement courses or preparation of students for
10 advanced placement courses and to develop curricula that
11 prepare students for pre-advanced placement and advanced
12 placement course work.

13 C. The department of education shall distribute
14 money in the fund to school districts that have submitted a
15 successful competitive proposal in response to the department's
16 request for proposals. The department, in cooperation with the
17 commission on higher education and New Mexico highlands
18 university, shall develop application criteria and reporting
19 and evaluation components. The criteria shall be reviewed
20 annually to ensure that instructional strategies are based on
21 most recent scientifically based research modes for effectively
22 implementing advanced placement. The department shall provide
23 technical assistance to school districts and monitor the grants
24 to ensure that they are implemented as approved. "

25 Section 2. APPROPRIATION.--One million dollars

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1 (\$1,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
2 advanced placement professional development fund for
3 expenditure in fiscal year 2004 and subsequent fiscal years to
4 carry out the purposes of the fund. Any unexpended or
5 unencumbered balance remaining at the end of a fiscal year
6 shall not revert to the general fund.

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