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HOUSE BILL 50

48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2008

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AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO FUND A PILOT STUDY TO PROVIDE STRESS
REDUCTION AND STRESS MANAGEMENT TRAINING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT
FIRST RESPONDERS THROUGHOUT NEW MEXICO; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Section 1. APPROPRIATION.--Three hundred fifteen thousand
dollars (\$315,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
department of public safety for expenditure in fiscal years
2008 and 2009 to fund a pilot program for stress reduction and
stress management training for law enforcement officers,
firefighters, emergency medical personnel, tribal police and
other first responders throughout the state, using Santa Fe-
based clinical staff with expertise in treating acute and post-
traumatic stress disorders to educate personnel in at least
seven multiple staff departments and establishing a continuing

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1 education credit credential for such training. Any unexpended
2 or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year
3 2009 shall revert to the general fund.

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

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