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SENATE BILL 273

49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009

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AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO FUND TRAINING, DEVELOPMENT AND
RECRUITMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS OF READING,
MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE AND TO PROMOTE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE
IMPORTANCE OF READING, MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE EDUCATION.

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

Section 1. APPROPRIATION.--

A. Four million forty-nine thousand five hundred
dollars (\$4,049,500) is appropriated from the general fund for
expenditure in fiscal year 2010 to fund training and
development of reading, mathematics and science teachers and to
promote public awareness of the importance of reading,
mathematics and science education as follows:

(1) to the public education department in the
following amounts:

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1 (a) two million five hundred thousand
2 dollars (\$2,500,000) for a reading, mathematics and science
3 summer professional development program;

4 (b) two hundred forty thousand dollars
5 (\$240,000) for travel expenses for volunteers and incentives to
6 public schools to support subject-matter expert volunteers to
7 assist teaching of mathematics and science subjects in public
8 schools and to mentor public school teachers and students in
9 those subjects; and

10 (c) sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) to
11 begin a public awareness campaign to emphasize the importance
12 of mathematics and science education for students and the
13 state; and

14 (2) to the higher education department in the
15 following amounts:

16 (a) one million two hundred four
17 thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,204,500) to revise teacher
18 education programs and create a system of incentives to attract
19 more New Mexico college and university students to elementary
20 and high school mathematics and science teaching careers; and

21 (b) forty-five thousand dollars
22 (\$45,000) to convene a statewide conference to develop an
23 implementation plan for improving mathematics and science
24 teacher education in New Mexico.

25 B. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining

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