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AN ACT  
RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION; CREATING THE SCHOOL LEADERSHIP  
INSTITUTE; PROVIDING POWERS AND DUTIES.

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

Section 1. A new section of Chapter 21 NMSA 1978 is  
enacted to read:

"SCHOOL LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE--CREATED--PURPOSE.--

A. The "school leadership institute" is created  
and is administratively attached to the higher education  
department. The department shall provide administrative  
services for the institute. The institute shall provide a  
comprehensive and cohesive framework for preparing, mentoring  
and providing professional development for principals and  
other public school leaders.

B. The institute shall offer at least the  
following programs:

- (1) licensure preparation for aspiring principals;
- (2) mentoring for new principals and other public school leaders;
- (3) intensive support for principals at schools in need of improvement;
- (4) professional development for aspiring superintendents; and

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(5) mentoring for new superintendents.

C. The institute shall partner with state agencies, institutions of higher education and professional associations to identify and recruit candidates for the institute."

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