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HOUSE BILL

51st legislature - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013

INTRODUCED BY

AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; MAKING APPROPRIATIONS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

- SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.--This act may be cited as the "Education Appropriation Act".
 - SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS. -- As used in the Education Appropriation Act:
 - A. "federal funds" means any payments by the United States government to state government or state agencies for specific purposes or in lieu of taxes, including grants, reimbursements and payments made in accordance with contracts or cooperative agreements, and shared revenue except those payments made in accordance with the federal Mineral Leasing Act (30 USCA 181, et seq.) and the State and Local Fiscal Assistance Act of 1972 (31 USCA 1221-1264), as amended;
 - B. "general fund" means that fund created by Section 6-4-2 NMSA 1978 and includes federal Mineral Leasing Act receipts; and
 - C. "other state funds" means:
 - (1) unencumbered nonreverting balances in state agency accounts, other than in

The rate of distribution of the state equalization guarantee distribution shall be based on a program unit value determined by the secretary of public education. The secretary of public education shall establish a preliminary unit value to establish budgets for the 2013-2014 school year and then, on verification of the number of units statewide for fiscal year 2014, but no later than January 31, 2014, the secretary of public education may adjust the program unit value.

Federal

Total

2,386,819.4

Funds

The general fund appropriation to the state equalization guarantee distribution includes seventeen million seven hundred seventeen thousand three hundred dollars (\$17,717,300) to provide an average one percent salary increase for all teachers, other instructional staff, and other licensed and unlicensed staff effective the first full pay period after July 1, 2013. This amount does not include and is in addition to salary increases due to licensure advancement pursuant to

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the School Personnel Act. Prior to the approval of the school district or charter school's budget, the secretary of public education shall verify that each school district or charter school is providing an average one percent salary increase for all teachers and other licensed school employees and an average one percent salary increase for all unlicensed school employees.

The secretary of public education shall verify and audit student membership and program units claimed by school districts and charter schools and shall work with and assist superintendents and school boards and head administrators and governing bodies of charter schools to ensure efficient spending practices, that membership and program units are calculated correctly and that school district and charter school operating budgets are implemented in a manner that will minimize adverse impacts to instructional programs and student achievement. The secretary shall ensure that the number of instructional days budgeted by a school district or charter school for the 2013-2014 school year are not reduced from the 2012-2013 school year.

The general fund appropriation to the state equalization guarantee distribution shall not be used by any school district or charter school to pay for expenses associated with student outreach, recruitment and school promotional activities, including advertising and marketing efforts through mailers, telephone, television, newspaper or other print, radio or the internet. A school district or charter school found by the public education department to have spent state equalization guarantee distribution funds in this manner shall have its state equalization guarantee distribution, decreased by the public education department accordingly.

The general fund appropriation to the state equalization guarantee distribution includes eleven million one hundred sixty-six thousand four hundred dollars (\$11,166,400) contingent on legislation of the first session of the fifty-first legislature becoming law that amends Section 22-11-21 NMSA 1978 to improve actuarial solvency of the educational retirement fund.

The general fund appropriation for the K-3 plus program is contingent on legislation of the first session of the fifty-first legislature becoming law that makes K-3 plus a public school

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Other Intrnl Svc General State Funds/Inter- Federal Item Fund Funds Agency Trnsf Funds Total

funding formula-based program.

After considering those elementary physical education programs eligible for state financial support and the amount of state funding available for elementary physical education, the secretary of public education shall annually determine the programs and the consequent numbers of students in elementary physical education that will be used to calculate the number of elementary physical education program units.

For the 2013-2014 school year, the state equalization guarantee distribution includes sufficient funding for school districts to implement a new formula-based program. Those districts shall use current year membership in the calculation of program units for the new formula-based program.

The general fund appropriation to the state equalization guarantee distribution reflects the deduction of federal revenue pursuant to Paragraph (2) of Subsection C of Section 22-8-25 NMSA 1978 that includes payments commonly known as "impact aid funds" pursuant to 20 USCA 7701 et seq., and formerly known as "PL874 funds".

The general fund appropriation to the public school fund shall be reduced by the amounts transferred to the public school fund from the current school fund and from the federal Mineral Leasing Act receipts otherwise unappropriated.

Any unexpended balances in the authorized distributions remaining at the end of fiscal year 2014 from appropriations made from the general fund shall revert to the general fund.

(2) Transportation distributions:

Appropriations: 100,318.9 100,318.9

The general fund appropriation to the transportation distribution includes two hundred ninety-three thousand eight hundred dollars (\$293,800) contingent on legislation of the first session of the fifty-first legislature becoming law that amends Section 22-11-21 NMSA 1978 to improve actuarial solvency of the educational retirement fund.

		Other	Intrnl Svc		
	General	State	Funds/Inter-	Federal	
Item	Fund	Funds	Agency Trnsf	Funds	Total

The general fund appropriation to the transportation distribution includes four hundred forty-two thousand eight hundred dollars (\$442,800) to provide an average one percent salary increase for transportation employees effective the first full pay period after July 1, 2013. Prior to the approval of the school district or charter school's budget, the secretary of public education shall verify that each school district or charter school is providing an average one percent salary increase for all transportation employees.

(3) Supplemental distributions:

(a)	Out-of-state tuition	346.0	346.0
(b)	Emergency supplemental	2,500.0	2,500.0
Subtotal		2,846.0	2,846.0

Prior to the distribution of emergency supplemental funds to any public school district or charter school, the secretary of public education shall verify with the state auditor that the school district or charter school is in compliance with all the provisions of Section 12-6-12 NMSA 1978. No emergency supplemental distributions shall be made to any school district or charter school not current with its audits.

Prior to the distribution of any emergency supplemental funds, the secretary of public education shall provide the legislative finance committee and the legislative education study committee with a report outlining: (a) the criteria used to qualify for funds; (b) the financial status of recipients, including the status of recipients' financial audits; and (c) any cost savings measures recipients implemented before applying funds. In no event shall money be distributed to any school district or charter school having cash and invested reserves, or other resources or any combination thereof, equaling five percent or more of its operating budget.

Any unexpended or unencumbered balance in the supplemental distributions to the public education department remaining at the end of fiscal year 2014 from appropriations made from the general fund shall revert to the general fund.

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	Thom	General	Other State	Intrnl Svc Funds/Inter-	Federal	
	Item	Fund	Funds	Agency Trnsf	Funds	<u>Total</u>
1	INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL FUND:	26,975.8				26,975.8
2	The appropriation to the instruc		erial fund	is made from th	e federal M	ineral
3	Leasing Act (30 USCA 181, et seq.) red	ceipts.				
4	DUAL CREDIT INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS:	857.0				857.0
5	INDIAN EDUCATION FUND:	1,824.6				1,824.6
6	The general fund appropriation t	o the publ	ic educatio	on department fo	r dual cred	it
7	instructional materials shall be used	by the de	partment to	reimburse schoo	ol districts	s, charter
8	schools, state-supported schools and $\mathfrak l$	bureau of	Indian educa	ation high schoo	ols in New N	Mexico for
9	the cost of required textbooks and otl	her course	supplies fo	or students enro	olled in the	e dual credit
10	program to the extent of the available	e funds.				
11	The general fund appropriation t	o the publ	ic educatio	on department fo	r the India	n Education
12	Act includes four hundred thousand do	llars (\$40	0,000) for a	a nonprofit orga	nization th	nat provides
13	teaching support in schools with a high	gh proport	ion of Nati	ve American stud	lents.	
14	FEDERAL FLOW THROUGH:				414,202.3	414,202.3
15	TOTAL PUBLIC SCHOOL SUPPORT: 2,5	18,141.7	1,500.0		414,202.3	2,933,844.0
16	PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT:					
17	(l) Administration:					
18	(a) Personal services					
19	and employee benefits	9,740.8	2,128.8	17.6	7,096.6	18,983.8
20	(b) Contractual services	958.0	555.0	0	17,023.2	18,536.2
21	(c) Other	1,013.1	577.6	0	2,941.9	4,532.6
22	Subtotal	11,711.9	3,261.4	17.6	27,061.7	42,052.6
23	Authorized FTE: 148.8 Permanent	; 97.5 Ter	m; 1.0 Tempo	orary		

The general fund appropriation to the public education department includes seven hundred

fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) for operating and maintaining the operating budget management

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Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 32A-23-9 NMSA 1978 or other substantive law to the contrary, the general fund appropriation of fifteen million four hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$15,450,000) to the public education department for the pre-kindergarten program includes no less than thirteen million nine hundred five thousand dollars (\$13,905,000) to fund direct student participation and no more than one million five hundred forty-five thousand dollars (\$1,545,000) for administrative and program support.

The general fund appropriation to the public education department for the early reading initiative includes three million six hundred thousand dollars (\$3,600,000) to be transferred to the teacher professional development fund to support training on effective reading instruction and data-driven decision-making and for regional and school district reading coaches and intervention support in the school district to support teachers with the implementation of a common formative assessment tool and reading interventions. Prior to the distribution of early reading initiative funding to a school district or regional education cooperative, the public education department shall develop a distribution plan that targets money for direct services to students at public schools with high proportions of students not proficient in reading and high proportions of at-risk students. The public education department shall not approve a school district budget that does not demonstrate that its early reading initiative allocation will be used to fund proven instructional strategies and professional development strategies such as extended school day and extended school year programs, reading coaches and reading specialists and pre-kindergarten programs.

The general fund appropriation to the public education department for teaching assistance for low-income students includes five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for a nonprofit organization that provides teaching support in public schools with at least sixty percent of the enrolled students eligible for free or reduced-fee lunch, with a priority for public schools with

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eighty-five percent or more of the students enrolled in the school eligible for free or reduced-fee lunch.

The general fund appropriation to the public education department for interventions in D and F schools is contingent on the department allocating the funds to schools rated D or F for both the 2011-2012 school year and the 2012-2013 school year pursuant to the A-B-C-D-F Schools Rating Act.

A regional education cooperative may submit an application to the public education department for an allocation from the nine hundred thirty-eight thousand two hundred dollar (\$938,200) appropriation. The public education department may allocate amounts to one or more regional education cooperatives if the regional education cooperative's application has adequately justified a need for the allocation and the department finds that the regional education cooperative submitted timely quarterly financial reports, is in compliance with state and federal reporting requirements, including the annual audit requirement pursuant to the Audit Act, and is otherwise financially stable. An allocation made to a regional education cooperative may only be used for current year operating expenses.

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REGIONAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVES: (1) Northwest 2 (Gallina)

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(2)	Northeast 4 (Las Vegas)		1,412.1	1,412.1
(3)	Lea county 7 (Hobbs)	535.1	365.2	900.3
(4)	Pecos valley 8 (Artesia)	1,507.3	599.4	2,106.7
(5)	Southwest 10 (Truth or			
	Consequences)	1,275.4		1,275.4

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	Item	General Fund	Other State Funds	Intrnl Svc Funds/Inter- Agency Trnsf	Federal Funds	Total
(6)	Central 5 (Albuquerque)		2,231.6	114.2	415.4	2,761.2
(7)	High plains 3 (Raton)		2,662.3		355.8	3,018.1
(8)	Clovis 6 (Portales)		1,168.2		28.4	1,196.6
(9)	Ruidoso 9 (Ruidoso)		3,439.0		1,182.6	4,621.6
Subt	otal		13,493.5	114.2	4,358.9	17,966.6

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.--If any part or application of this act is held invalid, the remainder or its application to other situations or persons shall not be affected.

SECTION 6. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.