

HOUSE BILL 435

53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2017

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AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A WORKFORCE AND PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.--

A. One million dollars (\$1,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the children, youth and families department for expenditure in fiscal year 2018 to fund an ongoing workforce and professional development program as follows:

(1) three hundred eighty-eight thousand five hundred dollars (\$388,500) to fund retention incentives to increase the quality of early childhood education for children from birth until the age of kindergarten eligibility; and

(2) six hundred eleven thousand five hundred

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1 dollars (\$611,500) to fund continuing education and
2 professional development for early childhood educators who
3 qualify under the children, youth and families department
4 rules.

5 B. The children, youth and families department
6 shall contract for the implementation and management of the
7 workforce and professional development program through a
8 nonprofit entity or entities experienced in promoting quality
9 early childhood education.

10 C. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining
11 at the end of fiscal year 2018 shall revert to the general
12 fund.