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AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FOR COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS SYSTEMS STATEWIDE; PROVIDING REQUIREMENTS TO RECEIVE FUNDS.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION. --

A. Four million five hundred thousand dollars (\$4,500,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the public education department for expenditure in fiscal years 2021 through 2023 to contract with an organization to address long-term economic development throughout the state through increased college and career readiness by providing proven kindergarten through twelfth grade research-based college and career readiness systems that have a long history of a successful track record in New Mexico of serving low-income,

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Hispanic and Native American students and other generationally underserved populations statewide. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2023 shall revert to the general fund.

- B. To receive funds, the organization shall have college and career readiness programs that:
- (1) contain comprehensive kindergarten through twelfth grade professional learning around leadership, instruction, culture and systems;
- (2) align its activities under the current New Mexico data, accountability, sustainability and high achievement system in place by the public education department; and
- (3) provide powerful teaching and learning strategies that support all content areas and can impact students on a schoolwide and statewide basis.
- C. The public education department shall work in tandem with representatives of the school districts within the New Mexico alliance for college and career readiness in developing a process for the application and distribution of funds.