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**HOUSE BILL 56**  
**42ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1996**  
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**AN ACT**  
**MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO PROVIDE MATCHING FUNDS FOR NATIONAL**  
**SCIENCE FOUNDATION PROGRAMS TO INCREASE PARTICIPATION OF**  
**UNDERREPRESENTED STUDENTS IN UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE**  
**EDUCATION PROGRAMS.**

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

Section 1. APPROPRIATION. -- Seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the commission on higher education for expenditure in fiscal year 1997 for the purpose of providing state matching funds to enable the alliance for minority participation, a partnership of twenty-six New Mexico public post-secondary educational institutions, and the regional alliance on science, engineering and mathematics for students with disabilities to participate in national science foundation programs to increase participation

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1 of underrepresented students in undergraduate and graduate  
2 educational programs. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance  
3 remaining at the end of fiscal year 1997 shall revert to the  
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