

AN ACT

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RELATING TO AVIATION; CREATING THE AIR SERVICE ASSISTANCE  
PROGRAM; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Section 1. A new section of the Aviation Act is  
enacted to read:

"AIR SERVICE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM CREATED.--An air  
service assistance program is created to provide assistance  
to airlines in the establishment of regional air service for  
small communities to and from hub airports in the southwest  
United States. The division shall administer the air  
service assistance program and shall establish regulations  
for eligibility for assistance, including the maximum amount  
a recipient may receive."

Section 2. APPROPRIATION.--Five hundred thousand  
dollars (\$500,000) is appropriated from the state road fund  
to the state highway and transportation department for  
expenditure in fiscal years 1999 and 2000 by the aviation  
division to carry out the provisions of this act for an air  
service assistance program. Any unexpended or unencumbered  
balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2000 shall  
revert to the general fund.

Section 3. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public  
peace, health and safety that this act take effect  
immediately. \_\_\_\_\_

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