AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FOR DROPOUT PREVENTION PROGRAMS.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.--

A. Two hundred thousand dollars ($200,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the public education department for expenditure in fiscal year 2022 for high school dropout prevention programs. The programs shall:

(1) serve at-risk, underserved and disadvantaged populations who are identified through early warning systems to receive targeted interventions designed to get them back on track to graduation;

(2) use a trauma-informed approach to help students gain employability skills competencies, graduate from
high school and pursue post-secondary education, employment or military opportunities; and

(3) provide at least one year of post-high school graduation follow-up and support to ensure success beyond high school.

B. Dropout prevention programs shall make periodic reports as required by the department, but the final reports to the department shall include the year of follow-up and support and provide data on number of students served, graduation rates, employment, post-secondary enrollment and success and other information required by the department.

C. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2022 shall revert to the general fund.