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SENATE BILL 199

**44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION,  
2000**

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AN ACT

RELATING TO CORRECTIONS; AMENDING CHAPTER 33 NMSA 1978 BY  
ADDING A NEW SECTION TO REQUIRE AN INMATE TO HAVE A GENERAL  
EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA OR A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA BEFORE RELEASE  
FROM A CORRECTIONAL FACILITY; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

Section 1. A new section of Chapter 33 NMSA 1978 is  
enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] GENERAL EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA OR HIGH  
SCHOOL DIPLOMA--REQUIREMENT.--Prior to release from a  
correctional facility an inmate shall be required to have  
obtained a general equivalency diploma or a high school  
diploma."

Section 2. APPROPRIATION.--Three million dollars  
(\$3,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the  
corrections department for expenditure in fiscal year 2001 to

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1 contract for educational services for inmates in correctional  
2 facilities who are required to obtain a general equivalency  
3 diploma or a high school diploma. Any unexpended or  
4 unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2001  
5 shall revert to the general fund.

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