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SENATE BILL 438

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

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AN ACT

RELATING TO CORRECTIONS; MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO THE  
CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT TO INCREASE STAFFING LEVELS, AS  
RECOMMENDED BY THE INDEPENDENT BOARD OF INQUIRY; LEVERAGING  
FEDERAL FUNDS FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE PENITENTIARY OF NEW  
MEXICO SOUTH FOR USE AS A CLOSE-CUSTODY FACILITY AND OTHER  
CORRECTIONAL FACILITY UPGRADES; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Section 1. APPROPRIATIONS.--

A. The following amounts are appropriated from the  
general fund to the corrections department for expenditure in  
fiscal years 2000 and 2001 for the following purposes:

(1) sixty-six thousand six hundred dollars  
(\$66,600) to pay salaries and benefits for two additional  
full-time employees for the bureau of classification at the  
central New Mexico correctional facility;

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1 (2) four hundred four thousand four hundred  
2 seventy dollars (\$404,470) to pay salaries and benefits for  
3 nine additional full-time employees to serve as security  
4 threat group officers;

5 (3) ninety thousand seven hundred dollars  
6 (\$90,700) to pay salaries and benefits for two additional  
7 full-time employees to serve as compliance auditors who audit  
8 private contracts entered into by the state for correctional  
9 services;

10 (4) five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000)  
11 to leverage available federal funds for the purpose of  
12 renovating the penitentiary of New Mexico south for use as a  
13 close-custody facility and to make upgrades at the southern  
14 New Mexico correctional facility and the central New Mexico  
15 correctional facility.

16 B. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance  
17 remaining at the end of fiscal year 2001 shall revert to the  
18 general fund.

19 Section 2. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public  
20 peace, health and safety that this act take effect  
21 immediately.