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HOUSE BILL 712

45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001

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AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; CREATING THE FUTURE TEACHERS PROGRAM TO RECRUIT, MENTOR AND PREPARE STUDENTS FOR CAREERS IN TEACHING; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

Section 1. A new section of the Public School Code is enacted to read:

" [NEW MATERIAL] FUTURE TEACHERS PROGRAM - CREATED. -- The department of education shall design and implement the "future teachers program" to recruit, mentor and prepare students who attend the public schools and the public post-secondary educational institutions for a career in teaching. "

Section 2. A new section of the Public School Code is enacted to read:

" [NEW MATERIAL] CONTRACT FOR SERVICES. -- The department of

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1 education may contract for services with a New Mexico
2 nonprofit organization to design and implement the future
3 teachers program. The program shall be based upon successful
4 practices that increase teaching excellence and shall include
5 the following:

6 A. a teacher preparation initiative that
7 supplements higher education programs for teacher preparation
8 and includes ongoing summer instruction in teaching
9 methodologies, classroom experience and mentoring by New
10 Mexico teachers who are recognized for their teaching
11 excellence;

12 B. a plan for students in grades six through the
13 post-secondary level that provides activities to support and
14 encourage students to enter the teaching profession; and

15 C. an evaluation component that measures the
16 short- and long-term success of the program. "

17 Section 3. APPROPRIATION. -- Three hundred fifty thousand
18 dollars (\$350,000) is appropriated from the general fund to
19 the state department of public education for expenditure in
20 fiscal year 2002 to design and implement the future teachers
21 program. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at
22 the end of fiscal year 2002 shall revert to the general fund.