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**SENATE BILL 403**

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

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**AN ACT**

**MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR HIGH SCHOOL- TO-WORKFORCE  
TRANSITIONAL COUNSELING SERVICES.**

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

**Section 1. APPROPRIATION. --**

**A. Two million dollars (\$2,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the state department of public education for expenditure in fiscal year 2002 to provide counseling services for the transition of high school students into the workforce or into post-secondary educational institutions for employment training. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2002 shall revert to the general fund.**

**B. The state department of public education shall ensure that the counseling services include:**

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(1) career selection and other skills useful  
to students preparing to enter the workforce;

(2) rehabilitation counseling and services  
for students with disabilities; and

(3) individual counseling services to assist  
high-need students in completing high school graduation  
requirements.