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SENATE BILL 592

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

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC EDUCATION; PROVIDING FOR A TEACHER CAREER
LADDER PILOT PROJECT; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

Section 1. TEMPORARY PROVISION--TEACHER CAREER LADDER
PILOT PROJECT--REPORT.--

A. The state department of public education shall
establish a "teacher career ladder pilot project" to be
modeled after the Milken family foundation teacher advancement
program. The pilot project shall operate from the effective
date of this act to June 30, 2004.

B. The state department of public education shall
recruit ten public elementary, middle, junior high or high
schools, including charter schools, to participate on a
voluntary basis in the teacher career ladder pilot project.

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1 The schools selected shall represent geographic, ethnic,
2 economic and social demographics across the state.

3 C. The state department of public education shall
4 distribute one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) per school
5 for the 2001-2002 school year to initiate the teacher career
6 ladder pilot project. The distribution shall be used by each
7 school to pay teachers to attend a one-week training in the
8 teacher advancement program and to provide money to support
9 the career ladder concept adopted by the department for the
10 pilot project.

11 D. The state department of public education shall
12 distribute fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) per year to the
13 participating schools for the 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 school
14 years to continue to support the career ladder concept.

15 E. The state department of public education shall
16 provide technical assistance, in collaboration with the Milken
17 family foundation, to the participating schools through the
18 three-year teacher career ladder pilot project.

19 F. The state department of public education shall
20 require periodic reports for participating schools and shall
21 evaluate the efficacy of the teacher career ladder pilot
22 project. The department shall report its findings and
23 recommendations to the second session of the forty-sixth
24 legislature.

25 Section 2. APPROPRIATION. -- Two million dollars

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1 (\$2,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
2 state department of public education for expenditure in fiscal
3 years 2002 through 2004 to conduct the teacher career ladder
4 pilot project. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance
5 remaining at the end of fiscal year 2004 shall revert to the
6 general fund.

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