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HOUSE BILL 09  
45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2002  
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FOR THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE

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 - -~~  
CONTRACT FOR SERVICES. - -

A. 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.

B. The department of education may contract for

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

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

11 (2) a plan for students in grades six through  
12 the post-secondary level that provides activities to support  
13 and encourage students to enter the teaching profession.  
14 Activities may include current issues in education and hands-  
15 on opportunities to observe teachers, tutor younger students  
16 and learn teaching methods through innovative lessons; and

17 (3) an evaluation component that measures the  
18 short- and long-term success of the program. "

19 Section 2. APPROPRIATION. -- Three hundred thousand  
20 dollars (\$300,000) is appropriated from the general fund to  
21 the state department of public education for expenditure in  
22 fiscal year 2003 to design and implement the future teachers  
23 program. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at  
24 the end of fiscal year 2003 shall revert to the general fund.