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HOUSE BILL 197

51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL SAFETY; REQUIRING SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS TO ESTABLISH AND IMPLEMENT A SYSTEM TO IDENTIFY PARENTS OF CHILDREN ENROLLED IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL; CREATING THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SECURITY INFRASTRUCTURE FUND; ESTABLISHING A PROCESS FOR AWARDING FUNDS FOR SCHOOL SECURITY GRANTS; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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] PARENTS IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM.--By the beginning of the 2013-2014 school year, school districts and charter schools shall establish and implement a system that allows ready visual identification of parents of children

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1 enrolled in the school district or charter school."

2 SECTION 2. A new section of the Public School Finance Act
3 is enacted to read:

4 "[NEW MATERIAL] PUBLIC SCHOOL SECURITY INFRASTRUCTURE
5 FUND--ADMINISTRATION.--

6 A. The "public school security infrastructure fund"
7 is created as a nonreverting fund in the state treasury. The
8 fund consists of appropriations, gifts, grants, donations,
9 bequests and income from investment of the fund. The fund
10 shall be administered by the department. Money in the fund is
11 appropriated to the department to be expended pursuant to this
12 section as awards for school security grants. The department
13 may expend no more than seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000)
14 in a fiscal year from the fund to administer the fund and
15 implement the provisions of this section.

16 B. The secretary shall:

17 (1) request that school security grant
18 proposals be submitted to the department no later than June 30
19 of each year for construction or installation of security
20 improvements to prevent intruders from entering schools or
21 student transport vehicles and endangering students, teachers
22 or other school personnel. Improvements include projects to
23 remodel, renovate or otherwise add to existing public school
24 structures or to reinforce or secure vehicles owned by a school
25 district used to transport students;

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1 (2) establish criteria for the form and
2 content of school security grant proposals; and

3 (3) identify the schools and school districts
4 to which school security grants will be awarded and disburse
5 money from the public school security infrastructure fund for
6 school security grants no later than December 1 of each year.

7 C. Grants from the public school security
8 infrastructure fund shall be made by the secretary based on
9 completeness of proposals, priority of the need for the project
10 and soundness of the proposed project. Money from the fund
11 shall not be granted to operate programs or for routine
12 maintenance of existing facilities.

13 D. Expenditures from the fund shall be made by
14 warrant issued by the secretary of finance and administration
15 pursuant to vouchers signed by the secretary of public
16 education."

17 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION.--One million five hundred
18 thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) is appropriated from the general
19 fund to the public school security infrastructure fund for
20 expenditure in fiscal year 2013 and subsequent fiscal years for
21 the purposes of that fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered
22 balance remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert
23 to the general fund.

24 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public
25 peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.

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