

SENATE PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL 659

54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PUBLIC PEACE, HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE;
EXPANDING PRE-KINDERGARTEN; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.--

A. The legislature recognizes the vital importance of preparing children for elementary school, particularly for disadvantaged children.

B. Seventy-one million dollars (\$71,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund operating reserve to the following funds for expenditure in fiscal year 2019 and subsequent fiscal years to expand the provision of pre-kindergarten by the public education department and the children, youth and families department as follows:

(1) thirty-five million five hundred thousand

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1 dollars (\$35,500,000) to the public pre-kindergarten fund to
2 expand the public education department's pre-kindergarten
3 program; and

4 (2) thirty-five million five hundred thousand
5 dollars (\$35,500,000) to the children, youth and families pre-
6 kindergarten fund to expand the children, youth and families
7 department's pre-kindergarten program.

8 C. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining
9 at the end of fiscal year 2020 shall not revert to the general
10 fund.