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HOUSE BILL 1

**54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2020**

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT; APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE EXPENSE OF THE FIFTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE, SECOND SESSION, 2020, AND FOR OTHER LEGISLATIVE EXPENSES, INCLUDING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SERVICE, THE LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE, THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE, THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE, THE SENATE CHIEF CLERK'S OFFICE, THE HOUSE CHIEF CLERK'S OFFICE AND OTHER EXPENSES OF THE LEGISLATURE; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

**SECTION 1. SESSION EXPENSES.--**

A. There is appropriated from the general fund for the expense of the legislative department of the state of New Mexico for the second session of the fifty-fourth legislature for per diem and mileage of its members, for salaries of

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1 employees and for other expenses of the legislature, five  
2 million four hundred ninety-four thousand seven hundred dollars  
3 (\$5,494,700) or so much thereof as may be necessary for such  
4 purposes.

5 B. The expenditures referred to in Subsection A of  
6 this section are as follows:

7 (1) per diem for members of the senate . . . .  
8 . . . . . \$ 210,420;

9 (2) per diem for members of the house of  
10 representatives . . . . . \$ 350,700;

11 (3) mileage traveled by members of the senate  
12 going to and returning from the seat of government by the  
13 usually traveled route, one round trip. . . . . \$ 6,650;

14 (4) mileage traveled by members of the house  
15 of representatives going to and returning from the seat of  
16 government by the usually traveled route, one round trip. . . .  
17 . . . . . \$ 10,620;

18 (5) salaries and employee benefits of senate  
19 employees . . . . . \$ 1,721,308;

20 (6) salaries and employee benefits of house of  
21 representatives employees . . . . . \$ 1,557,300;

22 (7) for expense of the senate not itemized  
23 above, three hundred ninety-five thousand seven hundred twenty-  
24 two dollars (\$395,722). No part of this item may be  
25 transferred to salaries or employee benefits;

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1 (8) for expense of the house of  
2 representatives not itemized above, four hundred four thousand  
3 three hundred eighty dollars (\$404,380). No part of this item  
4 may be transferred to salaries or employee benefits; and

5 (9) for session expenses of the legislative  
6 council service, the joint billroom and mailroom and joint  
7 legislative switchboard, eight hundred thirty-seven thousand  
8 six hundred dollars (\$837,600) to be disbursed upon vouchers  
9 signed by the director of the legislative council service or  
10 the director's designee.

11 C. The expenditures for the senate shall be  
12 disbursed on vouchers signed by the chair of the committees'  
13 committee and the chief clerk of the senate or the chief  
14 clerk's designee. The expenditures for the house of  
15 representatives shall be disbursed on vouchers signed by the  
16 speaker and chief clerk of the house of representatives or the  
17 chief clerk's designee. Following adjournment of the session,  
18 expenditures authorized pursuant to Paragraphs (1) through (8)  
19 of Subsection B of this section shall be disbursed upon  
20 vouchers signed by the director of the legislative council  
21 service or the director's designee.

22 D. Under the printing contracts entered into for  
23 the second session of the fifty-fourth legislature, the chair  
24 of the committees' committee of the senate, subject to the  
25 approval of the committee, and the speaker of the house of

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1 representatives are authorized and directed to provide for the  
2 printing of all bills, resolutions, joint resolutions,  
3 memorials and joint memorials introduced in the senate or  
4 house, the printing of the bill locator and the printing of all  
5 necessary stationery required for use in the respective houses.  
6 They are further directed to provide for the purchase of all  
7 supplies necessary for use in the respective houses within the  
8 appropriation provided. The orders for printing, stationery  
9 and supplies shall be approved by the chair of the committees'  
10 committee of the senate or by the speaker of the house of  
11 representatives.

12 SECTION 2. BILLS AND OTHER PRINTED MATERIALS.--

13 A. For the second session of the fifty-fourth  
14 legislature, bills, resolutions, joint resolutions, memorials  
15 and joint memorials delivered to the printer shall be returned  
16 by the printer to the joint billroom within forty-two hours  
17 after they are ordered to be printed. The billroom personnel  
18 shall supply a complete file of bills, resolutions, joint  
19 resolutions, memorials, joint memorials and other printed  
20 distribution materials to the following:

21 (1) upon request, one copy to each member of  
22 the house of representatives and the senate;

23 (2) upon written request, one copy to each  
24 county clerk, district judge, radio or television station and  
25 newspaper and to the general library of each state-supported

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1 institution of higher learning; and

2 (3) upon written request, one copy to each  
3 state department, commission, board, institution or agency,  
4 each elected state official, each incorporated municipality,  
5 each district attorney, each ex-governor, each member of the  
6 New Mexico congressional delegation and each school district in  
7 the state.

8 B. Any person not listed in Subsection A of this  
9 section may secure a complete file of the bills, resolutions,  
10 joint resolutions, memorials and joint memorials of the  
11 legislature by depositing with the legislative council service  
12 the amount of four hundred dollars (\$400), which deposit shall  
13 be paid to the state treasurer to the credit of the legislative  
14 expense fund. Additional single copies of items of legislation  
15 shall be sold for two dollars (\$2.00) unless the director of  
16 the legislative council service shall, because of its length,  
17 assign a higher price not to exceed ten cents (\$.10) per page.  
18 Copies of a daily bill locator, other than those copies  
19 furnished to each member of the respective houses, shall be  
20 supplied by the legislative council service at a charge of one  
21 hundred thirty-five dollars (\$135) for the entire session.

22 **SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SERVICE.**--There is  
23 appropriated from the general fund to the legislative council  
24 service for fiscal year 2021, to be disbursed on vouchers  
25 signed by the director of the legislative council service or

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1 the director's designee, the following:

2	Personal Services & Employee Benefits	\$4,995,000
3	Contractual Services	394,400
4	Other Costs	1,048,000
5	Total	\$6,437,400.

6 SECTION 4. LEGISLATURE.--There is appropriated from the  
7 general fund for the expense of the legislative department, not  
8 provided for in Section 1 of this act, for fiscal year 2021  
9 unless otherwise indicated, to be disbursed on vouchers signed  
10 by the director of the legislative council service or the  
11 director's designee, the following:

12 A. for travel expenses of legislators other than  
13 New Mexico legislative council members, on legislative council  
14 business, for committee travel, staff and other necessary  
15 expenses for other interim committees and for other necessary  
16 legislative expenses, one million dollars (\$1,000,000);  
17 provided that the New Mexico legislative council may transfer  
18 amounts from the appropriation in this subsection, during the  
19 fiscal year for which appropriated, to any other legislative  
20 appropriation where they may be needed;

21 B. for pre-session expenditures and for necessary  
22 contracts, supplies and personnel for interim session  
23 preparation, four hundred twenty-five thousand dollars  
24 (\$425,000);

25 C. for a statewide legislative intern program,

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1 forty-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$47,500);

2 D. for dues and fees of national organizations of  
3 which the legislature is a member, three hundred fifty-one  
4 thousand six hundred dollars (\$351,600);

5 E. for the legislative information system, for  
6 fiscal years 2020 and 2021, one million two hundred sixty-four  
7 thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,264,200); and

8 F. for the interim duties of the senate rules  
9 committee, nineteen thousand one hundred dollars (\$19,100).

10 SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE.--There is  
11 appropriated from the general fund to the legislative finance  
12 committee for fiscal year 2021, to be disbursed on vouchers  
13 signed by the chair of the committee or the chair's designated  
14 representative, the following:

15	Personal Services & Employee Benefits	\$3,982,000
16	Contractual Services	299,900
17	Other Costs	320,000
18	Total	\$4,601,900.

19 SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE.--There  
20 is appropriated from the general fund to the legislative  
21 education study committee for fiscal year 2021, to be disbursed  
22 on vouchers signed by the chair of the committee or the chair's  
23 designated representative, the following:

24	Personal Services & Employee Benefits	\$1,193,200
25	Contractual Services	55,600

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1           Other Costs                                 200,200  
2           Total   \$1,449,000.

3           **SECTION 7. HOUSE CHIEF CLERK.**--There is appropriated from  
4 the general fund to the legislative council service for  
5 expenditure in fiscal year 2021 for the operation of the house  
6 chief clerk's office, to be disbursed on vouchers signed by the  
7 director of the legislative council service, the following:

8           Personal Services & Employee Benefits         \$1,328,200  
9           Contractual Services                         174,800  
10          Other Costs                                     46,900  
11          Total   \$1,549,900.

12          **SECTION 8. SENATE CHIEF CLERK.**--There is appropriated  
13 from the general fund to the legislative council service for  
14 expenditure in fiscal year 2021 for the operation of the senate  
15 chief clerk's office, to be disbursed on vouchers signed by the  
16 director of the legislative council service, the following:

17          Personal Services & Employee Benefits         \$1,376,100  
18          Contractual Services                         170,500  
19          Other Costs                                     56,500  
20          Total   \$1,603,100.

21          **SECTION 9. OFFICIAL MASTER DATABASE OF LAWS--SELF-**  
22 **PUBLICATION--TRANSITION TO NEW DATABASE TECHNOLOGY.**--There is  
23 appropriated from the legislative cash balances for the  
24 legislative department's share of the continued development  
25 required for the master database of official annotated laws of

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1 the state, markup language and tagging and its use for  
2 legislative document systems and a tagged database of the  
3 session laws and for the costs associated in collaborating with  
4 the New Mexico compilation commission on the ongoing  
5 development and expanding partnership role with the New Mexico  
6 compilation commission in the self-publication of the *New*  
7 *Mexico Statutes Annotated 1978*, including completing the  
8 transition to new database technology for freely accessible  
9 laws and hard-copy publication, four hundred thousand dollars  
10 (\$400,000) for expenditure during fiscal years 2020 and 2021.

11 SECTION 10. CATEGORY TRANSFER.--Amounts set out in  
12 Sections 3 through 8 of this act are provided for informational  
13 purposes only and may be transferred among categories.

14 SECTION 11. PERFORMANCE MEASURES.--Each legislative  
15 agency shall adhere to the performance measures specified in  
16 its strategic plan and shall make reports as required in that  
17 plan.

18 SECTION 12. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public  
19 peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.