

1 SENATE BILL 155

2 **54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2020**

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10 AN ACT

11 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FOR
12 AN EARLY PHYSICS EDUCATION PILOT PROJECT.

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

15 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.--Six hundred thousand dollars
16 (\$600,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the public
17 education department for expenditure in fiscal years 2021
18 through 2025 to design and implement a five-year early physics
19 education pilot project for sixth through eighth grades that
20 incorporates age-appropriate physics education curricula and
21 tests whether early education in physics will increase academic
22 performance in all subject areas and encourage interest in
23 post-secondary educational careers in science and mathematics.
24 Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of
25 fiscal year 2026 shall revert to the general fund.

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