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HOUSE BILL 60

55TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2022

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO SCHOOL PERSONNEL; REQUIRING SALARY PARITY FOR
PEOPLE WHO HOLD NATIVE AMERICAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE
CERTIFICATES; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. Section 22-10A-13 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2003,
Chapter 153, Section 44) is amended to read:

"22-10A-13. NATIVE AMERICAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE
CERTIFICATES.--The [~~state board~~] department may issue a Native
American language and culture certificate to a person
proficient in a Native American language and culture of a New
Mexico tribe or pueblo who meets criteria established by the
[~~state board~~] tribe or pueblo. A baccalaureate degree is not
required for the person applying for this certificate. The
Native American language and culture certificate shall be

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1 issued and renewable in accordance with procedures established
2 by the [~~state board~~] department based on the agreement made
3 with the tribe or pueblo. The minimum annual salary for a
4 person holding a Native American language and culture
5 certificate shall be equal to the minimum annual salary for a
6 level two licensed teacher."

7 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.--One million two hundred fifty
8 thousand dollars (\$1,250,000) is appropriated from the general
9 fund to the public education department for expenditure in
10 fiscal year 2023 to finance the salary parity for people who
11 hold a Native American language and culture certificate. Any
12 unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of
13 fiscal year 2023 shall revert to the general fund.

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