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HOUSE BILL 296

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003

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AN ACT

**MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
EDUCATION TO EXTEND A PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT NETWORK OF NEW
MEXICO SECONDARY SCHOOL ENGLISH TEACHERS TO IMPROVE THE
READING, LITERACY AND TECHNOLOGY SKILLS OF THEIR STUDENTS.**

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

**Section 1. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT NETWORK OF ENGLISH
TEACHERS-- APPROPRIATION. --**

**A. Two hundred forty-three thousand five hundred
dollars (\$243,500) is appropriated from the general fund to the
state department of public education for expenditure in fiscal
years 2003 and 2004 for the purpose of extending a professional
development network of New Mexico secondary school English
teachers to improve the reading, literacy and technology skills
of their students. The network shall:**

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1 (1) build on the infrastructure of the New
2 Mexico virtual school and make electronic contact between
3 classrooms a reality for a growing number of teachers;

4 (2) emphasize using technology to teach to the
5 potential of all children, including children for whom English
6 is a second language; and

7 (3) provide teachers with courses in
8 literature and the teaching of writing, creative writing and
9 theater arts that include content that is immediately
10 transportable to their classrooms.

11 B. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining
12 at the end of fiscal year 2004 shall revert to the general
13 fund.