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AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO DEVELOP BULLYING PREVENTION PROGRAMS.

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

A new section of the Public School Code is Section 1. enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] BULLYING PREVENTION PROGRAMS. - - The public education department shall establish guidelines for bullying prevention policies to be promulgated by local school boards. Every local school board shall promulgate a bullying prevention policy by August 2005. Every public school shall implement a bullying prevention program by August 2007."

Section 2. APPROPRIATION. -- Three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the public education department for expenditure in fiscal years

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2005 and 2006 to provide training and technical assistance to school districts for implementing bullying prevention programs. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2006 shall revert to the general fund.

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