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**HOUSE BILL 307**

**46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2004**

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**AN ACT**

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

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

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

**A. One hundred forty-two thousand dollars  
(\$142,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the public  
education department for expenditure in fiscal years 2004 and  
2005 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**

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1 students. The network shall:

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

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

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

12 B. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining  
13 at the end of fiscal year 2005 shall revert to the general  
14 fund.

15 Section 2. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public  
16 peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.