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HOUSE BILL 507

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

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AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; PROVIDING FOR A STUDY TO IDENTIFY HIGHLY  
TALENTED STUDENTS WHO FAIL TO COMPLETE A CONVENTIONAL HIGH  
SCHOOL PROGRAM AND THE BARRIERS THAT IMPEDE THE CONTINUATION OF  
THEIR EDUCATION; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

Section 1. TEMPORARY PROVISION--UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO  
STUDY TO IDENTIFY, ADMIT AND SUPPORT HIGHLY TALENTED  
STUDENTS.--

A. The division of student affairs at the  
university of New Mexico shall conduct a study to identify  
gifted and highly talented students who fail to complete a  
conventional high school program culminating in a diploma; the  
barriers that impede the continuation of their education; and  
the appropriate type of education to allow them to succeed and

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1 continue to excel academically. The study shall:

2 (1) develop strategies for identifying those  
3 highly talented students who leave the traditional school  
4 system;

5 (2) develop and implement a survey to  
6 determine the salient factors affecting those students' ability  
7 to remain in conventional high school programs;

8 (3) document the educational paths taken by  
9 those students;

10 (4) identify barriers to continued education;  
11 and

12 (5) provide quantitative and qualitative  
13 analyses of data collected by the study.

14 B. The university of New Mexico shall make periodic  
15 reports to the legislative education study committee, the  
16 public education department and the commission on higher  
17 education. The final report of the study, including  
18 recommendations, shall be provided to the first session of the  
19 forty-seventh legislature, including two copies of the report  
20 to the legislative council service library.

21 Section 2. APPROPRIATION.--Seventy-five thousand dollars  
22 (\$75,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the board of  
23 regents of the university of New Mexico for expenditure in  
24 fiscal year 2005 for the division of student affairs to conduct  
25 the study provided for in Section 1 of this act. Any

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1 unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of  
2 fiscal year 2005 shall revert to the general fund.

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