

HOUSE BILL 839

**47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2006**

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON THE CREATION  
OF A PUBLICLY FUNDED STATEWIDE RESIDENTIAL HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE  
ARTS.

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

Section 1. APPROPRIATION.--

A. Five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the office of the governor for expenditure in fiscal years 2006 and 2007 to provide for a feasibility study on the creation of a publicly funded statewide residential high school for the arts. The office of the governor shall direct the study through the public education and cultural affairs departments. The office may contract for part or all of the study, including contracting with a state university college of education or art

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1 department. In conducting the study, the public education and  
2 cultural affairs departments shall seek the advice of  
3 interested persons.

4 B. The departments shall study the need and  
5 feasibility of establishing a school for the arts and, if the  
6 study determines that such a school is necessary and feasible,  
7 the study shall include one or more conceptual design options  
8 and shall consider:

9 (1) how the school should be structured and  
10 governed;

11 (2) how the school should relate to the public  
12 school system, including the public education department,  
13 school districts and federal and state law;

14 (3) costs of and funding for the school; and

15 (4) any other matters the office of the  
16 governor or the public education and cultural affairs  
17 departments deem necessary.

18 C. The results of the study, including  
19 recommendations, shall be reported to the legislative education  
20 study committee and the legislative finance committee by  
21 October 15, 2006. Two copies of the report shall be filed with  
22 the legislative council service library.

23 D. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining  
24 at the end of fiscal year 2007 shall revert to the general  
25 fund.

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