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SENATE BILL 159

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

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FOR THE WELFARE REFORM OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES
DEPARTMENT TO INCREASE ELIGIBILITY AND SUPPORT FOR CHILD CARE
PROGRAMS.

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

Section 1. APPROPRIATION.--

A. Eighteen million one hundred thousand dollars
(\$18,100,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
children, youth and families department for expenditure in 2007
as follows:

(1) ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) to
expand eligibility for child care programs to two hundred
percent of the federal poverty level;

(2) four million dollars (\$4,000,000) to
increase the reimbursement rate for licensed child care

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1 providers;

2 (3) two million dollars (\$2,000,000) for aim
3 high programs increasing the quality of early child care
4 programs;

5 (4) one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for
6 scholarships to help early childhood teachers learn more about
7 child development and early learning while earning college
8 degrees;

9 (5) one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for wage
10 supplements for early childhood teachers, based on the
11 educational level that those teachers achieve; and

12 (6) one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to
13 improve accreditation for child care providers.

14 B. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at
15 the end of fiscal year 2007 shall revert to the general fund.