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HOUSE BILL 596

48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC EDUCATION; PROVIDING FOR PROPOSALS FROM
SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO ESTABLISH GENDER-SPECIFIC EDUCATION
PROGRAMS; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

Section 1. GENDER-SPECIFIC EDUCATION--REQUESTS FOR
PROPOSALS.--The public education department shall issue
requests to all school districts for proposals to establish
gender-specific education programs. The public education
department may fund proposals to a maximum amount of fifty
thousand dollars (\$50,000) for any single school district. In
accepting proposals for funding, the public education
department shall give priority to proposals that request
funding for:

A. training teachers in best practices for

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1 different teaching styles for boys and girls within the
2 statewide professional development framework;

3 B. creation of single-sex classrooms, provided that
4 the teachers of these classes receive gender competency
5 training;

6 C. programs that bring a greater number of
7 adequately screened and trained men, as teachers and mentors,
8 into the schools to serve as positive role models; and

9 D. providing a science-based method of evaluating
10 the results of a funded proposal.

11 Section 2. APPROPRIATION.--One million dollars
12 (\$1,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
13 public education department for expenditure in fiscal year 2008
14 to provide support for gender-specific education by requesting
15 all school districts to submit proposals that address gender-
16 specific education, with no more than fifty thousand dollars
17 (\$50,000) to be distributed to a single school district. Any
18 unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of
19 fiscal year 2008 shall revert to the general fund.

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