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SENATE BILL 303

**48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2008**

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AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES  
DEPARTMENT TO IMPROVE QUALITY AND PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR CHILD  
CARE PROGRAMS.

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

Section 1. APPROPRIATION.--

A. Nine million two hundred seventy-eight thousand  
dollars (\$9,278,000) is appropriated from the general fund to  
the children, youth and families department for expenditure in  
fiscal year 2009 as follows:

(1) two million dollars (\$2,000,000) for the  
aim high program and the stars program to increase the quality  
of early child care programs;

(2) one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for  
scholarships to help early childhood teachers study child

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1 development and early learning while earning college degrees;

2 (3) one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for a  
3 pilot program of education and retention incentives for early  
4 childhood teachers, based on the educational levels those  
5 teachers achieve;

6 (4) four million two hundred thousand dollars  
7 (\$4,200,000) for child development grants to increase quality  
8 services for working families with children from birth to five  
9 years of age;

10 (5) one million dollars (\$1,000,000) to  
11 implement inclusive child care; and

12 (6) seventy-eight thousand dollars (\$78,000)  
13 for child care resources and referrals.

14 B. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining  
15 at the end of fiscal year 2009 shall revert to the general  
16 fund.