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SENATE BILL 124

**49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009**

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FOR THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION; CREATING THE SCHOOL LEADERSHIP  
INSTITUTE; PROVIDING POWERS AND DUTIES; MAKING AN  
APPROPRIATION.

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

Section 1. A new section of Chapter 21 NMSA 1978 is  
enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] SCHOOL LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE--CREATED--  
PURPOSE.--

A. The "school leadership institute" is created and  
is administratively attached to the higher education  
department. The department shall provide administrative  
services for the institute. The institute shall provide a  
comprehensive and cohesive framework for preparing, mentoring  
and providing professional development for principals and other

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1 public school leaders.

2 B. The institute shall offer at least the following  
3 programs:

4 (1) licensure preparation for aspiring  
5 principals;

6 (2) mentoring for new principals and other  
7 public school leaders;

8 (3) intensive support for principals at  
9 schools in need of improvement;

10 (4) professional development for aspiring  
11 superintendents; and

12 (5) mentoring for new superintendents.

13 C. The institute shall partner with state agencies,  
14 institutions of higher education and professional associations  
15 to identify and recruit candidates for the institute."

16 Section 2. APPROPRIATION.--Two hundred thousand dollars  
17 (\$200,000) is appropriated from the appropriation contingency  
18 fund of the general fund to the higher education department for  
19 expenditure in fiscal years 2009 and 2010 to establish the  
20 school leadership institute and provide for salaries and  
21 benefits for up to three full-time-equivalent positions. The  
22 appropriation shall be from the separate account of the  
23 appropriation contingency fund created in Laws 2004, Chapter  
24 114, Section 12, commonly known as the "education lockbox".

25 Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of  
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1 fiscal year 2010 shall revert to the appropriation contingency  
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