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SENATE BILL 650

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

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AN ACT

RELATING TO FEDERAL FUNDS; CREATING THE TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY
IMPROVEMENTS FUND; PROVIDING FOR ADMINISTRATION AND
DISTRIBUTION; CREATING A TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE;
PROVIDING POWERS AND DUTIES.

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

Section 1. TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY IMPROVEMENTS FUND--
CREATED--FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDS--DEPARTMENT DUTIES--TECHNICAL
ADVISORY COMMITTEE.--

A. The "technology and energy improvements fund" is
created as a nonreverting fund in the state treasury. The fund
consists of legislative appropriations, gifts, grants and
donations to the fund and federal stimulus distributions to the
state related to:

- (1) information technology;

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1 (2) research and investment in clean energy
2 generation and transmission; and

3 (3) other science-related infrastructure,
4 education and research.

5 B. The energy, minerals and natural resources
6 department shall administer the fund and money in the fund
7 shall be used to provide grants for technology- and
8 energy-related projects allowed by the federal stimulus law or
9 according to provisions of federal appropriations.

10 Disbursements from the fund shall be by warrant of the
11 secretary of finance and administration pursuant to vouchers
12 signed by the secretary of energy, minerals and natural
13 resources or the secretary's authorized representative.

14 C. The department shall adopt rules, including:

15 (1) a statewide strategic technology and
16 energy improvements plan, which shall be updated annually; and

17 (2) requirements and evaluation criteria for
18 applications or other determinations for the distribution of
19 money from the fund.

20 D. The "technology and energy stimulus technical
21 advisory committee" is created, consisting of the following
22 members:

23 (1) the secretary of energy, minerals and
24 natural resources;

25 (2) the president of the New Mexico institute

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- 1 of mining and technology;
- 2 (3) three members appointed by the governor;
- 3 (4) two members appointed by the speaker of
- 4 the house of representatives; and
- 5 (5) two members appointed by the president pro
- 6 tempore of the senate.

7 E. The committee shall:

- 8 (1) approve the annual strategic plan and the
- 9 plan to distribute money in the fund;
- 10 (2) approve grants and contracts; and
- 11 (3) prepare an annual report to the
- 12 legislature.

13 F. Members of the committee shall not be entitled

14 to per diem and mileage expenses. The department shall serve

15 as staff for the committee.