

1 SENATE BILL 580

2 **51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013**

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10 AN ACT

11 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A STUDY OF THE COSTS OF
12 STANDARDIZED ASSESSMENTS AND THEIR EFFECTIVENESS IN IMPROVING
13 EDUCATION AND REDUCING THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP.

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

16 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.--Two hundred thousand dollars
17 (\$200,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the board
18 of regents of the university of New Mexico for expenditure in
19 fiscal year 2014 to fund a study of the number and kinds of
20 assessments currently required or proposed by school districts,
21 charter schools, the public education department, the federal
22 government or any other entity; the per-student cost of
23 assessments; the amount and percentage of instructional time
24 dedicated to preparing students to take assessments and the
25 amount and percentage of time spent by students taking

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1 assessments; and the ways that assessment data are used to
2 improve instruction and reduce the achievement gaps that exist
3 among groups of students, including English language learners,
4 students with disabilities, economically disadvantaged students
5 and students from different racial and ethnic backgrounds. Any
6 unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of
7 fiscal year 2014 shall revert to the general fund.

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