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HOUSE BILL 465

52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2015

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS; IMPLEMENTING THE WIN WITH WELLNESS
PILOT PROJECT TO EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY OF A WELLNESS
CURRICULUM IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. A new section of the Public School Code is
enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] WIN WITH WELLNESS PILOT PROJECT--PURPOSE--
STATEWIDE IN SECOND AND FIFTH GRADES.--

A. The "win with wellness" pilot project shall
explore the feasibility of a wellness curriculum in public
schools by developing and implementing a four-lesson wellness
curriculum for second and fifth grade students statewide. The
purpose of the pilot project is to demonstrate that a
concentrated focus on wellness taught to students, with

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1 information readily available for parents as well, will have a
2 positive effect on New Mexico health outcomes, help prevent
3 drug and alcohol addiction and save lives.

4 B. The department shall appoint a curriculum
5 development leader who has knowledge of health-related topics
6 and of elementary education. The curriculum development leader
7 shall select personnel from within the department and the
8 department of health to serve on an ad hoc committee to design
9 materials for the win with wellness curriculum.

10 C. The ad hoc committee shall create original
11 lessons appropriate for each grade level. The lessons shall
12 include an active participation element and reading,
13 mathematics and science learning opportunities. The lessons
14 shall be approved by the department of health.

15 D. The win with wellness curriculum shall consist
16 of four printed lessons for each grade and teacher's guides
17 that will be distributed to all public elementary schools for
18 second and fifth grade students and their teachers. The four
19 trial lessons shall be printed in color on postcard stock on
20 one side and be laminated so it will be easy to take home and
21 share with parents and other family members.

22 E. The selection of the curriculum development
23 leader and the ad hoc committee members shall occur before June
24 30, 2015. The eight-lesson design shall be completed, with
25 department of health approval, by October 15, 2015. The

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1 lessons shall be printed by November 15, 2015 and appropriate
2 quantities shall be delivered to all public elementary schools.
3 The classroom study shall begin in January 2016 and continue
4 through May 2016 as individual schools determine.

5 F. The department shall provide an evaluation form
6 to all second and fifth grade teachers and elementary
7 principals to determine whether the win with wellness pilot
8 project should be expanded to other grades; continued in second
9 and fifth grades for a longer period, with or without revisions
10 to the lessons; or terminated. If the department determines
11 that the lessons should be revised, the ad hoc committee shall
12 follow through with the revisions. If the department
13 determines that the win with wellness pilot project should be
14 continued or expanded, the department shall include a request
15 for funding in its September budget request."

16 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.--Seventy-five thousand dollars
17 (\$75,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the public
18 education department for expenditure in fiscal year 2016 to
19 conduct the win with wellness pilot project. Any unexpended or
20 unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2016
21 shall revert to the general fund.