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HOUSE BILL 81

53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2017

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AN ACT

RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET; PROVIDING A BENCHMARK FOR GENERAL
FUND SUPPORT FOR THE JUDICIARY.

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

SECTION 1. [NEW MATERIAL] STATE BUDGET--GENERAL FUND
SUPPORT FOR JUDICIARY--BENCHMARK.--

A. It is the intent of the legislature that the
judiciary's unified budget be funded in such amounts that the
courts and judicial agencies are able to carry out their
constitutional and statutory powers and duties.

B. Appropriations to the judiciary shall be
benchmarked at not less than three percent of the anticipated
recurring general fund revenue available for appropriation for
the next fiscal year, after setting aside any payments for
interest, sinking fund and public debt paid from the general

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1 fund and earmarked revenue from land grant permanent funds
2 income; state lands maintenance fund residuals; fines,
3 forfeitures, escheats and land rentals; and the federal Mineral
4 Leasing Act.

5 SECTION 2. APPLICABILITY.--The provisions of this act
6 apply to fiscal year 2019 and succeeding fiscal years.

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