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HOUSE BILL 135

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

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AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A WORKFORCE AND PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.--Two million dollars
(\$2,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
children, youth and families department for expenditure in
fiscal year 2018 to fund an ongoing workforce and professional
development program to increase the quality of early childhood
education for children from birth until the age of kindergarten
eligibility through retention incentives, continuing education
and professional development for early childhood educators who
qualify under children, youth and families department rules.
The children, youth and families department shall contract for
the implementation and management of the workforce and

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1 professional development program through a nonprofit entity or
2 entities experienced in promoting quality early childhood
3 education. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at
4 the end of fiscal year 2018 shall revert to the general fund.

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