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HOUSE BILL 173

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

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AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES
DEPARTMENT TO FUND 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.--

A. One million dollars (\$1,000,000) 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 to the age of eligibility for kindergarten.

Participants in the ongoing workforce and professional
development program shall be early childhood educators who
qualify under children, youth and families department rules.

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1 The appropriation shall be in the following amounts for the
2 following purposes:

3 (1) three hundred eighty-eight thousand five
4 hundred dollars (\$388,500) for workforce retention incentives;
5 and

6 (2) six hundred eleven thousand five hundred
7 dollars (\$611,500) for continuing education and professional
8 development.

9 B. The children, youth and families department
10 shall contract for implementation and management of the
11 workforce and professional development program through a
12 nonprofit entity or entities experienced in promoting quality
13 early childhood education.

14 C. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining
15 at the end of fiscal year 2018 shall revert to the general
16 fund.