

1 SENATE BILL 324

2 **53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2017**

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10 AN ACT

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

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

15 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.--Two million dollars
16 (\$2,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
17 children, youth and families department for expenditure in
18 fiscal year 2018 to fund an ongoing workforce and professional
19 development program to increase the quality of early childhood
20 education for children from birth until the age of kindergarten
21 eligibility through retention incentives, continuing education
22 and professional development for early childhood educators who
23 qualify under children, youth and families department rules.
24 The children, youth and families department shall contract for
25 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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