

1 SENATE BILL 476

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

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO CAPITAL EXPENDITURES; PROVIDING FOR THE PROCUREMENT  
12 AND INSTALLATION OF SOLAR ENERGY PANELS FOR PUBLIC ELEMENTARY  
13 SCHOOLS; CREATING THE SOLAR ENERGY PANELS FUND; MAKING AN  
14 APPROPRIATION.

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

17 SECTION 1. [NEW MATERIAL] SOLAR ENERGY PANELS--PUBLIC  
18 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS--SOLAR ENERGY PANELS FUND.--

19 A. The public school capital outlay council shall  
20 develop a plan to purchase and install solar energy panels on  
21 public elementary school buildings in the state. The plan  
22 shall designate public elementary schools eligible to receive  
23 solar energy panels based on school size from largest to  
24 smallest.

25 B. In fiscal years 2018 through 2021, the public

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1 school facilities authority shall procure services to install  
2 solar energy panels on public elementary school buildings in  
3 accordance with the plan developed by the public school capital  
4 outlay council. The authority shall, to the extent allowed by  
5 law, procure services from contractors certified as resident  
6 contractors in accordance with Section 13-1-22 NMSA 1978.

7 C. The "solar energy panels fund" is created in the  
8 state treasury. The fund consists of appropriations to the  
9 fund and any other revenues directed to the fund, such as  
10 gifts, donations and grants. All income earned from investment  
11 of the fund shall be credited to the fund. The fund shall be  
12 administered by the public school facilities authority, and  
13 expenditures may be made from the fund upon vouchers signed by  
14 the director of the authority and warrants issued by the  
15 secretary of finance and administration to procure services to  
16 install solar energy panels on public elementary school  
17 buildings. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance in the fund  
18 shall revert to the general fund at the end of fiscal year  
19 2021.

20 D. As used in this section, "public elementary  
21 school" means a public school providing instruction for grades  
22 kindergarten through eight, unless there is a junior high  
23 school program approved by the public education department, in  
24 which case it means a public school providing instruction for  
25 grades kindergarten through six.

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