

1 SENATE BILL 33

2 **54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS; CREATING THE HIGH SCHOOL WATER
12 MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION PROGRAM PILOT PROJECT; REQUIRING
13 REPORTING; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

16 SECTION 1. A new section of Chapter 22, Article 13 NMSA
17 1978 is enacted to read:

18 "[NEW MATERIAL] HIGH SCHOOL WATER MANAGEMENT AND
19 CONSERVATION PROGRAM--PILOT PROJECT--REPORTING AND
20 EVALUATION.--

21 A. The "high school water management and
22 conservation program" is created as a two-year pilot project
23 that creates a one-credit, elective high school course. The
24 purpose of the high school water management and conservation
25 program is to provide high school students with an

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1 understanding of the basic principles of water management and
2 conservation and to better prepare high school students for
3 entry into the workforce or into vocational or academic
4 programs in a subject area that is vital to the future of New
5 Mexico.

6 B. The high school water management and
7 conservation program shall be administered by the department
8 and shall provide the funding for the development of a suitable
9 curriculum and for implementation in one or more high schools.

10 C. The department shall determine application
11 requirements and procedures and criteria for evaluating
12 applications for the implementation of the high school water
13 management and conservation program. An applicant shall
14 demonstrate that its proposed high school water management and
15 conservation program curriculum will meet all department
16 standards and employ only qualified teachers and other staff.

17 D. The department shall establish reporting and
18 evaluation requirements for participating schools, including
19 student and program assessments. The department shall provide
20 interim and final reports annually to the legislature and the
21 governor on the efficacy of the high school water management
22 and conservation program.

23 E. The department may use up to four percent of any
24 appropriation made by the legislature for the high school water
25 management and conservation program for professional

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1 development for participating educators and department
2 administrative costs."

3 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.--Four hundred thousand dollars
4 (\$400,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the public
5 education department for expenditure in fiscal years
6 2020 and 2021 for curriculum development and operational
7 expenses, including teacher salaries, for the high school water
8 management and conservation program. Any unexpended or
9 unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2021
10 shall revert to the general fund.