

HOUSE BILL 138

54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2020

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AN ACT

MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR NEW MEXICO TRIBES, NATIONS AND
PUEBLOS TO RESPOND TO THE CONSOLIDATED *YAZZIE/MARTINEZ V. STATE*
OF NEW MEXICO LAWSUIT.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS.--

A. The following amounts are appropriated from the
general fund to the Indian affairs department for expenditure
in fiscal years 2021 and 2022 for the following purposes:

(1) three million six hundred fifty thousand
dollars (\$3,650,000) for tribal departments of education to
fully develop and implement education blueprints and governance
structures to serve New Mexico's American Indian students,
expended as follows:

(a) one hundred fifty thousand dollars

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1 (\$150,000) for each pueblo and the Jicarilla Apache Nation and
2 the Mescalero Apache Tribe; and

3 (b) five hundred thousand dollars
4 (\$500,000) for the Navajo Nation in New Mexico;

5 (2) three million four hundred thousand
6 dollars (\$3,400,000) for tribal departments of education to
7 develop early childhood culturally and linguistically relevant
8 curriculum, to design culturally and linguistically relevant
9 assessment tools and culturally appropriate teacher and program
10 evaluation instruments, to conduct needs assessments of early
11 childhood education facilities and to develop plans for
12 constructing needed facilities, expended as follows:

13 (a) one hundred fifty thousand dollars
14 (\$150,000) for each pueblo and the Jicarilla Apache Nation and
15 the Mescalero Apache Tribe; and

16 (b) two hundred fifty thousand dollars
17 (\$250,000) for the Navajo Nation in New Mexico;

18 (3) five million seven hundred fifty thousand
19 dollars (\$5,750,000) for tribal libraries to develop and staff
20 culturally and linguistically relevant after-school and
21 community-based summer school programs, expended as follows:

22 (a) two hundred fifty thousand dollars
23 (\$250,000) for each pueblo and the Jicarilla Apache Nation and
24 the Mescalero Apache Tribe; and

25 (b) five hundred thousand dollars

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1 (\$500,000) for the Navajo Nation in New Mexico; and
2 (4) three million four hundred thousand
3 dollars (\$3,400,000) to create, develop and staff information
4 technology departments to increase support network operations
5 and user access to high speed internet connections for tribal
6 education departments and other tribal education entities,
7 including language programs, schools and educational centers;
8 and to create information technology and internships to grow
9 tribal information technology workforces, expended as follows:

10 (a) one hundred fifty thousand dollars
11 (\$150,000) for each pueblo and the Jicarilla Apache Nation and
12 the Mescalero Apache Tribe; and

13 (b) two hundred fifty thousand dollars
14 (\$250,000) for the Navajo Nation in New Mexico.

15 B. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining
16 at the end of fiscal year 2022 shall revert to the general
17 fund.