

1 SENATE BILL

2 **55TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2021**

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10 AN ACT

11 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FOR  
12 COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS SYSTEMS STATEWIDE; PROVIDING  
13 REQUIREMENTS TO RECEIVE FUNDS.

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

16 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.--

17 A. Three million dollars (\$3,000,000) is  
18 appropriated from the general fund to the public education  
19 department for expenditure in fiscal years 2022 through 2024 to  
20 contract with an organization to address long-term economic  
21 development throughout the state through increased college and  
22 career readiness by providing proven kindergarten through  
23 twelfth grade research-based college and career readiness  
24 systems that have a long history of a successful track record  
25 in New Mexico of serving low-income, Hispanic, Native American

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1 and African American students and other generationally  
2 underserved populations statewide. Any unexpended or  
3 unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2024  
4 shall revert to the general fund.

5 B. To receive funds, the organization shall have a  
6 proven college and career readiness program that:

7 (1) contains comprehensive kindergarten  
8 through twelfth grade professional learning around leadership,  
9 instruction, cultural relevance, equity and proven systems;

10 (2) aligns the program's activities under the  
11 current New Mexico data, accountability, sustainability and  
12 high achievement system in place by the public education  
13 department;

14 (3) provides powerful teaching and learning  
15 strategies that support all content areas and can impact  
16 students on a schoolwide and statewide basis; and

17 (4) directly remedies the opportunity gaps  
18 based on the *Yazzie/Martinez v. State of New Mexico* lawsuit by  
19 providing college and career opportunities for all New Mexico  
20 students.

21 C. The public education department shall work in  
22 tandem with representatives of the school districts within the  
23 New Mexico alliance for college and career readiness in  
24 developing a process for the application and distribution of  
25 funds.

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