

1 SENATE BILL 348

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

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10 AN ACT

11 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FOR
12 CENTRAL NEW MEXICO COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO DEVELOP AND OPERATE
13 INTENSIVE, SHORT-TERM BOOT CAMP TRAINING FOR UNEMPLOYED AND
14 UNDEREMPLOYED WORKERS TO IMPROVE LONG-TERM ECONOMIC AND
15 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT STATEWIDE.

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

18 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.--

19 A. Three million dollars (\$3,000,000) is
20 appropriated from the general fund to the higher education
21 department for expenditure in fiscal years 2022 through 2024
22 for central New Mexico community college to develop and operate
23 intensive, short-term boot camp training for unemployed and
24 underemployed workers to improve long-term economic and
25 workforce development statewide. Any unexpended or

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1 unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2024
2 shall revert to the general fund.

3 B. The appropriation shall be used to:

4 (1) offer boot camp tuition waivers to
5 high-need learners;

6 (2) offer living stipends to high-need
7 learners, enabling those who are unemployed or underemployed to
8 cover living expenses, including rent, child care,
9 transportation and food, while being trained in high-need
10 technical skills that lead to well-paying jobs in New Mexico;

11 (3) develop new boot camp programs and
12 maintain existing boot camp programs to remain agile and
13 responsive to the emerging needs of New Mexico employers and to
14 attract out-of-state employers to New Mexico;

15 (4) license boot camp curricula to other
16 nonprofit educational organizations and institutions of higher
17 education in New Mexico; and

18 (5) cover indirect costs incurred by central
19 New Mexico community college while developing, delivering and
20 managing boot camps.