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HOUSE BILL 166

**55TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2022**

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC EDUCATION; CREATING A WEB-BASED RESOURCE  
TOOL FOR AT-RISK STUDENTS; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. A new section of the Public School Code is  
enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] WEB-BASED RESOURCE TOOL FOR AT-RISK  
STUDENTS--CREATION--CONTENTS--ADVISORY GROUP.--

A. The department, in collaboration with the  
legislative finance committee and the legislative education  
study committee, shall develop and maintain a web-based  
resource tool that provides resources for at-risk students.

B. The web-based resource tool for at-risk students  
may contain the following:

- (1) information on educational programs

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1 focused on the needs of at-risk students;

2 (2) modules, interventions and educational  
3 approaches conducive to the educational needs of at-risk  
4 students; and

5 (3) information on points of contact for local  
6 and regional educational experts.

7 C. The department shall convene an advisory group  
8 of stakeholders who represent educational organizations  
9 statewide who serve at-risk students to work in collaboration  
10 with the department to provide recommendations to develop the  
11 content for the web-based resource tool for at-risk students.

12 D. The stakeholders in the advisory group may  
13 choose to serve as local and regional points of contact for any  
14 recommendations for educational services for at-risk students  
15 or any updates to the web-based resource tool for at-risk  
16 students.

17 E. The department shall host the web-based resource  
18 tool on the department's website and employ a full-time staff  
19 member to oversee and maintain the web-based resource tool for  
20 at-risk students.

21 F. As used in this section, "at-risk students"  
22 means low-income students, English language learners, special  
23 education students and Native American students."

24 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.**--Two hundred fifty thousand  
25 dollars (\$250,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the  
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1 public education department for expenditure in fiscal year 2023  
2 to develop and maintain a web-based resource tool for at-risk  
3 students and to hire a full-time employee to oversee the web-  
4 based resource tool. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance  
5 remaining at the end of fiscal year 2023 shall revert to the  
6 general fund.

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