

1 HOUSE BILL 295

2 **56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2023**

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10 AN ACT

11 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO
12 FUND SOFTWARE FOR DETECTING FIREARMS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY.

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

15 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.--

16 A. Two million five hundred thousand dollars
17 (\$2,500,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
18 public education department for expenditure in fiscal years
19 2024 through 2026 to fund a school security pilot project in
20 southeast New Mexico, to include Chaves county, Curry county,
21 De Baca county, Eddy county, Guadalupe county, Lea county,
22 Lincoln county, Otero county, Quay county and Roosevelt county.
23 The public education department shall contract with a private
24 entity for software that detects the presence of visible
25 firearms on school property and alerts school personnel and

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1 first responders of that presence. The contract shall require
2 that the software be:

3 (1) developed in the United States without the
4 use of any third-party or open-source data;

5 (2) patented by the United States patent and
6 trademark office and include a training database that is
7 populated with frames of actual videos of firearms detected in
8 relevant environments across diverse industries;

9 (3) designated as qualified anti-terrorism
10 technology pursuant to the federal SAFETY Act, 6 U.S.C. Section
11 441 et seq.;

12 (4) designed to integrate with existing
13 security camera infrastructure at schools; and

14 (5) managed directly by the contracted entity
15 through an operations center that operates twenty-four hours a
16 day, seven days a week, three hundred sixty-five days a year,
17 and that is staffed by highly trained analysts in order to
18 rapidly communicate potential threats to end users.

19 B. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining
20 at the end of fiscal year 2026 shall revert to the general
21 fund.