

1 HOUSE BILL 541

2 **57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCES; PROVIDING THAT THE STATE TREASURER  
12 MAY INVEST SINKING FUNDS OR MONEY REMAINING UNEXPENDED FROM THE  
13 PROCEEDS OF AN ISSUE OF BONDS OR OTHER NEGOTIABLE SECURITIES OF  
14 THE STATE IN CERTAIN WAYS.

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

17 SECTION 1. Section 6-10-10 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1933,  
18 Chapter 175, Section 4, as amended) is amended to read:

19 "6-10-10. DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT OF FUNDS.--

20 A. Upon the certification or designation of a bank,  
21 savings and loan association or credit union whose deposits are  
22 insured by an agency of the United States to receive public  
23 money on deposit, the state treasurer and county or municipal  
24 treasurers who have on hand any public money by virtue of their  
25 offices shall make deposit of that money in banks and savings

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1 and loan associations and may make deposit of that money in  
2 credit unions whose deposits are insured by an agency of the  
3 United States, designated by the authority authorized by law to  
4 so designate to receive the deposits of all money thereafter  
5 received or collected by the treasurers.

6 B. County or municipal treasurers may deposit money  
7 in one or more accounts with any such bank, savings and loan  
8 association or credit union located in their respective  
9 counties, subject to the limitation on credit union accounts.

10 C. The state treasurer may deposit money in one or  
11 more accounts with any such bank, savings and loan association  
12 or credit union, subject to the limitation on credit union  
13 accounts.

14 D. Duplicate receipts or deposit slips shall be  
15 taken for each deposit made pursuant to Subsection A, B or C of  
16 this section. When deposits are made by the state treasurer,  
17 one copy of the receipt or deposit slip shall be retained by  
18 the state treasurer and the other copy shall be filed monthly  
19 on the first day of each month with the financial control  
20 division of the department. When deposits are made by the  
21 treasurer or any other authorized person making the deposits  
22 for a board of finance of a public or educational institution,  
23 one copy of the receipt or deposit slip shall be retained by  
24 the treasurer or authorized person making the deposit and the  
25 other copy shall be filed monthly on the first day of each

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1 month with that board of finance. When deposits are made by a  
2 county or municipal treasurer, one of the duplicate receipts or  
3 deposit slips shall be retained by the treasurer making the  
4 deposit and the other copy shall be filed monthly on the first  
5 day of each month with the secretary of the board of finance of  
6 the county or municipality for which that treasurer is acting.

7 E. As used in this section:

8 (1) "deposit" means either investment or  
9 deposit and includes share, share certificate and share draft;

10 (2) "investment policy" means a document  
11 drafted between the treasurer and the board of finance that  
12 describes the parameters for investing government funds and  
13 identifies the investment objectives, preferences or tolerances  
14 for risk and constraints on the investment portfolio. The  
15 investment policy applies to all financial assets, including  
16 general funds, special revenues, capital projects funds,  
17 enterprise funds, debt issuance proceeds, debt service funds,  
18 debt service reserves, permanent funds and agency funds;

19 (3) "supranational issuer" means an  
20 international development institution formed by two or more  
21 central governments. "Supranational issuer" includes the  
22 international bank for reconstruction and development, the  
23 international finance corporation and the inter-American  
24 development bank; and

25 (4) "United States government sponsored

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1 enterprises" includes federal home loan banks, the federal home  
2 loan mortgage corporation, the federal national mortgage  
3 association, the federal farm credit banks funding corporation,  
4 the federal agricultural mortgage corporation and the  
5 government national mortgage association.

6 F. The state treasurer and county or municipal  
7 treasurers, with the advice and consent of their respective  
8 boards of finance charged with the supervision and control of  
9 the respective funds, may invest all sinking funds or money  
10 remaining unexpended from the proceeds of any issue of bonds or  
11 other negotiable securities of the state or any county,  
12 municipality or school district that is entrusted to their care  
13 and custody and all money not immediately necessary for the  
14 public uses of the counties, municipalities or school districts  
15 not invested or deposited in banks, savings and loan  
16 associations or credit unions in:

17 (1) bonds or negotiable securities of the  
18 United States, the state or a county, municipality or school  
19 district that has a taxable valuation of real property for the  
20 last preceding year of at least one million dollars  
21 (\$1,000,000) and that has not defaulted in the payment of any  
22 interest or sinking fund obligation or failed to meet any bonds  
23 at maturity at any time within five years last preceding and  
24 that have a maturity date that does not exceed ten years from  
25 the date of purchase;

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1 (2) securities that are issued and backed by  
2 the full faith and credit of the United States government or  
3 issued by its agencies or instrumentalities, including  
4 securities issued by federal home loan banks, the federal home  
5 loan mortgage corporation, the federal national mortgage  
6 association, the federal farm credit banks funding corporation,  
7 the federal agricultural mortgage corporation or the government  
8 national mortgage association and that have a maturity date  
9 that does not exceed ten years from the date of purchase; or

10 (3) federally insured obligations, including  
11 brokered certificates of deposit, certificate of deposit  
12 account placement services and federally insured cash accounts.

13 G. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to bring  
14 amendments to the investment policy to the board of finance and  
15 obtain consent before such amendments take effect. The  
16 investment policy shall be reviewed at least every two years.  
17 The treasurer of a class A county or the treasurer of a  
18 municipality having a population of more than sixty-five  
19 thousand according to the most recent federal decennial census  
20 and located within a class A county, with the advice and  
21 consent of the boards of finance, charged with the supervision  
22 and control of the funds as can be reflected by an investment  
23 policy that is amended by the treasurer and approved by the  
24 board of finance, may invest all sinking funds or money  
25 remaining unexpended from the proceeds of any issue of bonds or

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1 other negotiable securities of the county or municipality that  
2 is entrusted to the treasurer's care and custody and all money  
3 not immediately necessary for the public uses of the county or  
4 municipality not invested or deposited in banks, savings and  
5 loan associations or credit unions in:

6 (1) shares of a diversified investment company  
7 registered pursuant to the federal Investment Company Act of  
8 1940 that invests in fixed-income securities or debt  
9 instruments that passively match or track the components of a  
10 broad-market, fixed-income-securities market index; provided  
11 that the investment company or manager has total assets under  
12 management of at least one hundred million dollars  
13 (\$100,000,000) and provided that the board of finance of the  
14 county or municipality may allow reasonable administrative and  
15 investment expenses to be paid directly from the income or  
16 assets of these investments;

17 (2) shares of pooled investment funds managed  
18 by the state investment officer, as provided in Subsection I of  
19 Section 6-8-7 NMSA 1978; provided that the board of finance of  
20 the county or municipality may allow reasonable administrative  
21 and investment expenses to be paid directly from the income or  
22 assets of these investments;

23 (3) securities that are issued by a  
24 supranational issuer and that:

25 (a) are eligible for purchase and sale

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1 within the United States;

2 (b) are denominated in United States  
3 dollars;

4 (c) have a maturity date that does not  
5 exceed five years from the date of purchase; and

6 (d) are rated "AA" or its equivalent or  
7 better by a nationally recognized statistical rating  
8 organization;

9 (4) commercial paper rated "A1" or "P1", also  
10 known as "prime" quality, by a nationally recognized  
11 statistical rating organization, issued by corporations  
12 organized and operating within the United States and having a  
13 maturity at purchase of no longer than one hundred eighty days;  
14 or

15 (5) shares of an open-ended diversified  
16 investment company that:

17 (a) is registered with the  
18 United States securities and exchange commission;

19 (b) complies with the diversification,  
20 quality and maturity requirements of Rule 2a-7, or any  
21 successor rule, of the United States securities and exchange  
22 commission applicable to money market mutual funds; and

23 (c) assesses no fees pursuant to Rule  
24 12b-1, or any successor rule, of the United States securities  
25 and exchange commission, no sales load on the purchase of

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1 shares and no contingent deferred sales charge or other similar  
2 charges, however designated, provided that the county or  
3 municipality shall not, at any time, own more than five percent  
4 of a money market mutual fund's assets.

5 H. A local public body, with the advice and consent  
6 of the body charged with the supervision and control of the  
7 local public body's respective funds, may invest all sinking  
8 funds or money remaining unexpended from the proceeds of any  
9 issue of bonds or other negotiable securities of the investor  
10 that is entrusted to the local public body's care and custody  
11 and all money not immediately necessary for the public uses of  
12 the investor and not otherwise invested or deposited in banks,  
13 savings and loan associations or credit unions in contracts  
14 with banks, savings and loan associations or credit unions for  
15 the present purchase and resale at a specified time in the  
16 future of specific securities at specified prices at a price  
17 differential representing the interest income to be earned by  
18 the investor. The contract shall be fully secured by  
19 obligations of the United States or the securities of its  
20 agencies, instrumentalities or United States government  
21 sponsored enterprises having a market value of at least one  
22 hundred two percent of the contract. The collateral required  
23 for investment in the contracts provided for in this subsection  
24 shall be shown on the books of the financial institution as  
25 being the property of the investor and the designation shall be

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1 contemporaneous with the investment. As used in this  
2 subsection, "local public body" includes all political  
3 subdivisions of the state and agencies, instrumentalities and  
4 institutions thereof; provided that home rule municipalities  
5 that prior to July 1, 1994 had enacted ordinances authorizing  
6 the investment of repurchase agreements may continue investment  
7 in repurchase agreements pursuant to those ordinances.

8 I. The state treasurer, with the advice and consent  
9 of the state board of finance, may invest money held in demand  
10 deposits and not immediately needed for the operation of state  
11 government and money held in the local government investment  
12 pool, except as provided in Section 6-10-10.1 NMSA 1978. The  
13 investments may be made in securities that are issued and  
14 backed by the full faith and credit of the United States  
15 government or issued by its agencies or instrumentalities,  
16 including securities issued by all United States government  
17 sponsored enterprises.

18 J. The state treasurer, with the advice and consent  
19 of the state board of finance, may also invest in contracts for  
20 the present purchase and resale at a specified time in the  
21 future, not to exceed one year or, in the case of bond  
22 proceeds, not to exceed three years, of specific securities at  
23 specified prices at a price differential representing the  
24 interest income to be earned by the state. Such contract shall  
25 not be invested in unless the contract is fully secured by

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1 obligations of the United States, its agencies,  
2 instrumentalities or United States government sponsored  
3 enterprises or by other securities backed by the United States,  
4 its agencies, instrumentalities or United States government  
5 sponsored enterprises having a market value of at least one  
6 hundred two percent of the amount of the contract. The  
7 securities required as collateral under this subsection shall  
8 be delivered to a third-party custodian bank pursuant to a  
9 contract with the state and the counterparty or to the fiscal  
10 agent of New Mexico or its designee. Delivery shall be made  
11 simultaneously with the transfer of funds or as soon as  
12 practicable, but no later than the same day that the funds are  
13 transferred.

14 K. The state treasurer, with the advice and consent  
15 of the state board of finance, may also invest in contracts for  
16 the temporary exchange of state-owned securities for the use of  
17 broker-dealers, banks or other recognized institutional  
18 investors in securities, for periods not to exceed one year for  
19 a specified fee rate. Such contract shall not be invested in  
20 unless the contract is fully secured by exchange of an  
21 irrevocable letter of credit running to the state, cash or  
22 equivalent collateral of at least one hundred two percent of  
23 the market value of the securities plus accrued interest  
24 temporarily exchanged. The collateral required by this  
25 subsection shall be delivered to the state of New Mexico or its

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1 designee simultaneously with the transfer of funds or as soon  
2 as practicable, but no later than the same day that the state-  
3 owned securities are transferred.

4 L. Neither of the contracts in Subsection J or K of  
5 this section shall be invested in unless the contracting bank,  
6 brokerage firm or recognized institutional investor has a net  
7 worth in excess of five hundred million dollars (\$500,000,000).

8 M. The state treasurer, with the advice and consent  
9 of the state board of finance, may also invest in any of the  
10 following investments in an amount not to exceed forty percent  
11 of any fund that the state treasurer invests:

12 (1) commercial paper rated "prime" quality by  
13 a national rating service, issued by corporations organized and  
14 operating within the United States;

15 (2) medium-term notes and corporate notes with  
16 a maturity not exceeding five years that are rated "A" or its  
17 equivalent or better by a nationally recognized rating service  
18 and that are issued by a corporation organized and operating in  
19 the United States; or

20 (3) an asset-backed obligation with a maturity  
21 not exceeding five years that is rated "AAA" or its equivalent  
22 by a nationally recognized rating service.

23 N. The state treasurer, with the advice and consent  
24 of the state board of finance, may also invest in:

25 (1) shares of an open-ended diversified

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1 investment company that:

2 (a) is registered with the United States  
3 securities and exchange commission;

4 (b) complies with the diversification,  
5 quality and maturity requirements of Rule 2a-7, or any  
6 successor rule, of the United States securities and exchange  
7 commission applicable to money market mutual funds; and

8 (c) assesses no fees pursuant to Rule  
9 12b-1, or any successor rule, of the United States securities  
10 and exchange commission, no sales load on the purchase of  
11 shares and no contingent deferred sales charge or other similar  
12 charges, however designated, provided that the state shall not,  
13 at any time, own more than five percent of a money market  
14 mutual fund's assets;

15 (2) individual, common or collective trust  
16 funds of banks or trust companies that invest in United States  
17 fixed-income securities or debt instruments authorized pursuant  
18 to Subsections I, J and M of this section, provided that the  
19 investment manager has assets under management of at least one  
20 billion dollars (\$1,000,000,000) and the investments made by  
21 the state treasurer pursuant to this paragraph are less than  
22 five percent of the assets of the individual, common or  
23 collective trust fund;

24 (3) the local government investment pool  
25 managed by the office of the state treasurer. Investments made

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1 pursuant to this paragraph shall, in aggregate, be no more than  
2 thirty-five percent of the total assets of the local government  
3 investment pool;

4 (4) securities issued by the state of New  
5 Mexico, its agencies, institutions, counties, municipalities,  
6 school districts, community college districts or other  
7 subdivisions of the state, or as otherwise provided by law;

8 (5) securities issued by states other than New  
9 Mexico or governmental entities in states other than New  
10 Mexico; or

11 (6) securities that are issued by a  
12 supranational issuer and that:

13 (a) are eligible for purchase and sale  
14 within the United States;

15 (b) are denominated in United States  
16 dollars;

17 (c) have a maturity date that does not  
18 exceed five years from the date of purchase; and

19 (d) are rated "AA" or its equivalent or  
20 better by a nationally recognized statistical rating  
21 organization.

22 0. Public funds to be invested in negotiable  
23 securities or loans to financial institutions fully secured by  
24 negotiable securities at current market value shall not be paid  
25 out unless there is a contemporaneous transfer of the

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1 securities at the earliest time industry practice permits, but  
2 in all cases, settlement shall be on a same-day basis either by  
3 physical delivery or, in the case of uncertificated securities,  
4 by appropriate book entry on the books of the issuer, to the  
5 purchaser or to a reputable safekeeping financial institution  
6 acting as agent or trustee for the purchaser, which agent or  
7 trustee shall furnish timely confirmation to the purchaser."

8 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the  
9 provisions of this act is July 1, 2025.