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

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC EDUCATION; DEFINING "ANTI-DISTRACTION POLICY"; REQUIRING THE PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO ENCOURAGE SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS TO ADOPT ANTI-DISTRACTION POLICIES TO PROMOTE ACADEMIC SUCCESS AND POSITIVE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT FOR STUDENTS; PROVIDING FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE ACQUISITION OF SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT AN ADOPTED ANTI-DISTRACTION POLICY; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. A new section of Chapter 22, Article 5 NMSA 1978 is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] ANTI-DISTRACTION POLICIES--DEPARTMENT DUTIES--REIMBURSEMENT.--

A. As used in this section, "anti-distraction policy" means a policy voluntarily adopted by a local school

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1 board or charter school governing body that restricts student
2 use of personal electronic devices during the school day.

3 B. To promote academic success and positive social
4 development for students, the department shall encourage the
5 adoption of anti-distraction policies and, subject to
6 appropriation, may reimburse a school district or charter
7 school for the acquisition of specialized storage equipment
8 necessary to implement an adopted anti-distraction policy."

9 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.--Ten million dollars
10 (\$10,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
11 public education department for expenditure in fiscal years
12 2026 through 2028 to reimburse school districts and charter
13 schools for the acquisition of specialized storage equipment
14 necessary to implement an adopted anti-distraction policy. Any
15 unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of
16 fiscal year 2028 shall revert to the general fund.