

1 SENATE BILL 156

2 **54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2020**

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10 AN ACT

11 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FOR  
12 COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS SYSTEMS STATEWIDE; PROVIDING  
13 REQUIREMENTS TO RECEIVE FUNDS.

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

16 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.--

17 A. Four million five hundred thousand dollars  
18 (\$4,500,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the  
19 public education department for expenditure in fiscal years  
20 2021 through 2023 to contract with an organization to address  
21 long-term economic development throughout the state through  
22 increased college and career readiness by providing proven  
23 kindergarten through twelfth grade research-based college and  
24 career readiness systems that have a long history of a  
25 successful track record in New Mexico of serving low-income,

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1 Hispanic and Native American students and other generationally  
2 underserved populations statewide. Any unexpended or  
3 unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2023  
4 shall revert to the general fund.

5 B. To receive funds, the organization shall have  
6 college and career readiness programs that:

7 (1) contain comprehensive kindergarten through  
8 twelfth grade professional learning around leadership,  
9 instruction, culture and systems;

10 (2) align its activities under the current New  
11 Mexico data, accountability, sustainability and high  
12 achievement system in place by the public education department;  
13 and

14 (3) provide powerful teaching and learning  
15 strategies that support all content areas and can impact  
16 students on a schoolwide and statewide basis.

17 C. The public education department shall work in  
18 tandem with representatives of the school districts within the  
19 New Mexico alliance for college and career readiness in  
20 developing a process for the application and distribution of  
21 funds.