SENATE BILL 222

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

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AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR GRANTS TO STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO DEVELOP A PRE-SERVICE TEACHER COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION PROGRAM.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.--One million dollars (\$1,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the higher education department for expenditure in fiscal year 2021 to provide grants to state institutions of higher education to develop a pre-service teacher computer science education program that will address the computer science teacher shortage in New Mexico. To address equity, the pre-service teacher computer science education grants shall require recipients to identify opportunities for partnership opportunities between school districts and colleges or schools of education at the

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state institutions of higher education to create direct
pathways for computer science teachers in high-need schools.
Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of
fiscal year 2021 shall revert to the general fund.

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