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1 BILL

2 **71ST SESSION – AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NEW MEXICO GIRLS STATE – 2018**

3 INTRODUCED BY

4 AN ACT

5 **Relating to the need for mandatory increased funding for schools and teachers in**
6 **the state of New Mexico. Making an appropriation for increased funding is addressed**
7 **herein.**

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9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NEW
10 MEXICO GIRLS STATE:

11 Currently in the nation and within the great state of New Mexico, schools are experiencing
12 a crisis. There is an increased shortage of qualified teachers in all school levels from
13 preschool to high school. Every city in New Mexico has been affected by this shortage. Due
14 to this lack of appropriate funding, teachers and educational professionals are

1 leaving New Mexico for jobs in other states that provide better salaries and benefits. New
2 Mexico must be competitive in preventing this exodus of educational providers in order to
3 give the best opportunities to New Mexico school children and teenagers. In addition to
4 financial incentives to teachers and educational providers, the base salary must be
5 increased at all city levels.

6 Furthermore, increased funding within schools also need to be addressed. Currently, there
7 is a shift in the curriculum towards elementary subjects and funding towards extracurricular
8 activities and trade subjects and music department funding has decreased or diminished all
9 together. There is more emphasis on standardized testing than classroom work. Instead of
10 spending funds on expensive standardized testing, education at a city and state level
11 needs to be emphasized and not forgotten.

12 Current monies that are appropriated to the city schools shall continue in the current
13 fashion. At the national level, funding from the national government schooled be
14 reappropriated from areas such as public works where instead of repaving a local city
15 street every two years, the monies schooled go towards increased educational funding.
16 Furthermore, city bonds can also be voted upon in order to increase the educational funds.
17 Five hundred thousand dollars needs to be appropriated towards the education fund each
18 educational fiscal year beginning 2019. If any amount herein remains at the end of the
19 fiscal educational year, the amount shall be divided and given as bonuses to eligible
20 teachers within the state of New Mexico or shall be used to recruit teachers from other
21 states.

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23 All laws, acts, provisions, or parts of laws contained in the Constitution of the State of New
24 Mexico in conflict with any provision of this act are hereby repealed.

