



# State of New Mexico

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### **Governor Bill Richardson signs Budget bills, 14 other bills**

*Governor Richardson calls on Legislature to pass Pre-K, Tax Cuts for working New Mexicans, and anti-crime package*

SANTA FE - Governor Bill Richardson today signed two budget bills that address six priority areas that will help move New Mexico forward: Improving public school performance, including a Pre-K program; enhancing higher education; improving the health of our citizens; expanding our economy; improving the safety of our communities; and increasing the efficiency of state government.

“Today, after reviewing the budget bills presented to me from the Legislature, these bills incorporate these principals and invest in our state’s priorities, our communities and our children,” Governor Bill Richardson said.

However, Governor Richardson said he hopes the Legislature will deliver to the people of New Mexico a Pre-Kindergarten bill, tax cuts for working families and single parents and an anti-crime package.

“If the Legislature passes a responsible tax cut package, a voluntary Pre-K program and tough anti-crime measures, we can all go home on time,” Governor Richardson said. “If not, I am prepared to call a special session to address these important issues.

“Legislators worked diligently on this budget. I know they are committed to the people of New Mexico. Although we have our differences, we work hard-together-to move the

State forward. Two years ago, we broke the gridlock that has gripped New Mexico for too long and the people of New Mexico are better off for it.

“This budget is not perfect, by any means. Some initiatives were not addressed, or were underfunded. But this plan is sufficient for the basic operations of state agencies, schools, courts and institutions,” Governor Richardson said.

Governor Richardson took action on the following legislation on Thursday:

**Signed Bills**

- HB 2 (Saavedra)** General Appropriation Act of 2005
- SB 190 (Fidel)** General Appropriation Act of 2005
- SB 175 (Smith)** County Clerk Recording of Property Transfers
- SB 185 (Nava)** Gifted Education Program Advisory Committees
- SB 230 (Sharer)** Emergency Drills in Public & Private Schools
- HB 394 (W. Ken Martinez)** Health Insurance Rates & Alliance Membership
- HB 467 (Heaton)** Emergency Powers Code
- SB 225 (Tsosie)** Clarify Safe Haven for Infants Act
- SB 241 (M. Sanchez)** Repeal DNA Evidence Procedures Sunset
- SB 400 (Altamirano)** Temporary License Night Driving Requirements
- SB 447 (McSorley)** Domestic Violence Hearing Officer Project
- SB 529 (Taylor)** Funding Intent of Rio Grande State Park Act
- SB 626 (Lopez)** Technical or Vocational Institute Name Change
- SB 68 (Papen)** Change Corrections Commission Composition
- HB 201 (Hanosh)** Increase Motor Vehicle Administration Fees
- HB 103 (Park)** Additional Sex Offender Board Member

**Vetoed Bills**

- SB 410 (Carraro)** Teach Effects of Alcohol & Drugs in Schools