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SENATE BILL 11

**52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2015**

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION; ESTABLISHING A SCHOLARSHIP  
PROGRAM FOR NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 21-1-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1970,  
Chapter 9, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

"21-1-2. MATRICULATION AND TUITION FEES.--

A. Except as otherwise provided in this section and  
in [~~Section 21-1-4.3 NMSA 1978~~] the Legislative Lottery Tuition  
Scholarship Act, the boards of regents of the university of New  
Mexico, New Mexico state university, New Mexico highlands  
university, western New Mexico university, eastern New Mexico  
university, New Mexico military institute and New Mexico  
institute of mining and technology shall establish and charge  
matriculation fees and tuition fees as follows:

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1 (1) each student shall be charged a  
2 matriculation fee of not less than five dollars (\$5.00) upon  
3 enrolling in each institution;

4 (2) each student who is a resident of New  
5 Mexico shall be charged a tuition fee of not less than twenty  
6 dollars (\$20.00) a year;

7 (3) each student who is not a resident of New  
8 Mexico shall be charged a tuition fee of not less than fifty  
9 dollars (\$50.00) a year;

10 (4) each student shall be charged a tuition  
11 fee of not less than ten dollars (\$10.00) for each summer  
12 session; and

13 (5) each student may be charged a tuition fee  
14 for extension courses.

15 B. Except as otherwise provided in this section and  
16 in [~~Section 21-1-4.3 NMSA 1978~~] the Legislative Lottery Tuition  
17 Scholarship Act, the board of regents of northern New Mexico  
18 college shall establish and charge each student a matriculation  
19 fee and a tuition fee.

20 C. The board of regents of each institution may  
21 establish and grant gratis scholarships to students who are  
22 residents of New Mexico in an amount not to exceed the  
23 matriculation fee or tuition and fees, or both. These  
24 scholarships are in addition to the lottery tuition  
25 scholarships authorized in [~~Section 21-1-4.3 NMSA 1978~~] the

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1 Legislative Lottery Tuition Scholarship Act and shall be  
2 granted to the full extent of available funds before lottery  
3 tuition scholarships are granted. The number of scholarships  
4 established and granted pursuant to this subsection shall not  
5 exceed three percent of the preceding fall semester enrollment  
6 in each institution and shall not be established and granted  
7 for summer sessions. The president of each institution shall  
8 select and recommend to the board of regents of the  
9 institution, as recipients of scholarships, students who  
10 possess good moral character and satisfactory initiative,  
11 scholastic standing and personality. Beginning with the fall  
12 semester of 2010, a minimum of one-half of the gratis  
13 scholarships established and granted by each board of regents  
14 each year shall be granted on the basis of financial need, and  
15 beginning with the fall semester of 2011, a minimum of two-  
16 thirds of the gratis scholarships established and granted by  
17 each board of regents each year shall be granted on the basis  
18 of financial need.

19 D. The board of regents or governing board of each  
20 institution set out in this subsection may establish and grant,  
21 in addition to [~~those~~] the other scholarships provided for in  
22 [~~Subsection C of~~] this section, athletic scholarships for  
23 tuition and fees. In no event shall the board of regents of  
24 any institution be allowed to award scholarships for tuition  
25 and fees for more than the number of athletic scholarships set

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1 out in this subsection and in no event shall more than  
2 seventy-five percent of the scholarships granted be for  
3 out-of-state residents:

4 (1) the board of regents of the university of  
5 New Mexico may grant up to two hundred ninety-three athletic  
6 scholarships;

7 (2) the board of regents of New Mexico state  
8 university may grant up to two hundred seventy athletic  
9 scholarships;

10 (3) the boards of regents of New Mexico  
11 highlands university, eastern New Mexico university and western  
12 New Mexico university may each grant up to one hundred forty  
13 athletic scholarships; and

14 (4) the governing board of New Mexico junior  
15 college may grant up to fifty-two athletic scholarships.

16 E. In the event that the number of athletic  
17 scholarships exceeds the number of athletic scholarships  
18 permitted that institution by regulations and bylaws of the  
19 national collegiate athletic association or the national  
20 association of intercollegiate athletics of which that  
21 institution is a member, the appropriate board of regents shall  
22 reduce the number of authorized tuition scholarships to comply  
23 with association rules and regulations.

24 F. The board of regents or governing board of each  
25 institution set out in Subsection D of this section may

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1 establish and grant, in addition to the other scholarships  
2 provided for in this section, national merit scholarships for  
3 tuition and fees in the same numbers as the athletic  
4 scholarships established pursuant to Subsection D of this  
5 section, provided that:

6 (1) each recipient of a national merit  
7 scholarship has been designated a national merit finalist by  
8 the national merit scholarship corporation;

9 (2) each recipient of a national merit  
10 scholarship enroll in one of the state's educational  
11 institutions set forth in this section or one of the branches  
12 of those institutions within one year following completion of a  
13 high school curriculum at a public or accredited private school  
14 in the United States or of receiving a graduate equivalent  
15 diploma; and

16 (3) in no event shall more than seventy-five  
17 percent of the scholarships granted be for out-of-state  
18 residents.

19 G. The national merit scholarships authorized in  
20 this section may be renewed each semester for four consecutive  
21 years, provided that the scholarship recipient is a full-time  
22 student and has maintained a grade point average of 2.5 or  
23 higher on a 4.0 scale for the semester prior to each renewal.

24 ~~[F.]~~ H. Matriculation fees and tuition fees shall  
25 be fixed and made payable as directed by the board of regents

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1 of each institution, collected by the officers of each  
2 institution and accounted for as are other funds of the  
3 institutions. Matriculation fees shall be charged only once  
4 for each institution in which a student enrolls."

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