

1 SENATE BILL 307

2 **57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2026**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION; PROVIDING THAT THE BOARDS OF  
12 REGENTS OF STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION HAVE NO POWER  
13 OVER DECISIONS REGARDING ACADEMIC TENURE; PROVIDING THAT ALL  
14 DECISIONS REGARDING ACADEMIC TENURE SHALL BE MADE IN ACCORDANCE  
15 WITH AN INSTITUTION'S POLICIES AND BASED ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF  
16 THE INSTITUTION'S FACULTY.

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

19 SECTION 1. A new section of Chapter 21 NMSA 1978 is  
20 enacted to read:

21 "[NEW MATERIAL] DECISIONS REGARDING ACADEMIC TENURE AT  
22 STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.--The boards of regents  
23 of state institutions of higher education do not have the power  
24 to award, deny, revoke or place conditions on a tenured faculty  
25 position. All decisions regarding academic tenure at a state

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