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HOUSE BILL 120

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2004

INTRODUCED BY

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FOR THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE

AN ACT

**RELATING TO TEACHERS; BROADENING THE DEFINITION OF STUDENT IN
THE TEACHER LOAN FOR SERVICE ACT.**

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

**Section 1. Section 21-22E-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2001,
Chapter 288, Section 3) is amended to read:**

**"21-22E-3. DEFINITIONS.--As used in the Teacher Loan for
Service Act:**

**A. "commission" means the commission on higher
education;**

**B. "loan" means a payment of money under contract
between the commission and a student that defrays the costs
incidental to a teacher preparation program offered in a
regionally accredited post-secondary educational institution in
New Mexico and that requires repayment in services;**

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1 C. "student" means a United States citizen who is:
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3 (1) enrolled in or accepted by an
4 undergraduate or graduate teacher preparation program at a
5 regionally accredited post-secondary educational institution in
6 New Mexico;

7 (2) a high school student who signs an
8 agreement declaring his intent to serve as a public school
9 teacher in a designated shortage area in New Mexico through a
10 career pathway program previous to enrollment in any two- or
11 four-year teacher education program; or

12 (3) a student enrolled in a two-year
13 institution who, previous to enrollment in any teacher
14 education program, signs an agreement declaring his intent to
15 serve as public school teacher in a designated shortage area in
16 New Mexico through a career pathway program; and

17 D. "teacher preparation program" means ~~[one]~~ a
18 program that has been formally approved as meeting the
19 requirements of the ~~[New Mexico state board of]~~ public
20 education department and that leads to initial licensure or to
21 additional licensure endorsements. "

22 Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. --The effective date of the
23 provisions of this act is July 1, 2004.