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HOUSE BILL 461

47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2005

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AN ACT

RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION; CHANGING THE NAME OF NORTHERN NEW MEXICO STATE SCHOOL FOR COMMON CONVENIENCE; REMOVING THE TWO-YEAR LIMIT ON ACCREDITED COLLEGE LEVEL ACADEMIC INSTRUCTION TO RESTORE ITS ORIGINAL CONSTITUTIONAL MISSION.

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

Section 1. Section 21-4-1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1909, Chapter 97, Section 2, as amended) is amended to read:

"21-4-1. MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF [~~SPANISH-AMERICAN SCHOOL~~] NORTHERN NEW MEXICO COLLEGE. --The management and control of the [~~Spanish-American~~] northern New Mexico state school at El Rito, also known as northern New Mexico college, and the appointment, qualification, powers and duties of its board of regents shall be the same as provided in Article [XH] 12, Section 13 of the constitution of New Mexico for the other

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1 state educational institutions mentioned in Article [XII] 12,  
2 Section 11 of the constitution of New Mexico. "

3 Section 2. Section 21-4-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1947,  
4 Chapter 97, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

5 "21-4-2. USE OF NAME "NORTHERN NEW MEXICO [~~STATE SCHOOL~~]  
6 COLLEGE" FOR COMMON CONVENIENCE. -- Except for financial  
7 transactions, the use of the name northern New Mexico [~~state~~  
8 ~~school~~] college is hereby permitted in lieu of [~~the Spanish-~~  
9 ~~American school at El Rito~~] northern New Mexico state school,  
10 for common convenience. "

11 Section 3. Section 21-4-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1909,  
12 Chapter 97, Section 3, as amended) is amended to read:

13 "21-4-3. NORTHERN NEW MEXICO [~~STATE SCHOOL~~] COLLEGE--  
14 PURPOSE OF INSTRUCTION--ACADEMIC COURSES--BOARDING OF  
15 STUDENTS. --

16 A. The courses of instruction at northern New  
17 Mexico [~~state school at El Rito~~] college shall:

18 (1) meet the needs of young people of New  
19 Mexico who cannot be served adequately by the local public  
20 schools in their home communities;

21 (2) prepare technical and trade students for  
22 occupations and vocations that are useful and necessary in the  
23 economy of New Mexico; and

24 (3) provide academic, technical and vocational  
25 instruction beyond the high school level and [~~in the event that~~

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1 ~~the university of New Mexico northern branch is dissolved, may~~  
2 ~~in addition provide not more than two years of~~ accredited  
3 college level academic instruction [~~at those areas presently~~  
4 ~~served by the university of New Mexico northern branch and by~~  
5 ~~the northern New Mexico state school, except as provided in~~  
6 ~~Subsection D of this section~~].

7 B. The board of regents of northern New Mexico  
8 [~~state school is authorized to~~] college may provide quarters  
9 for the boarding of resident students.

10 C. Nothing in this section shall preclude the  
11 university of New Mexico from continuing to provide upper  
12 college level and graduate courses in any areas in which such  
13 courses were being offered prior to January 1, 1977.

14 D. The board of regents of northern New Mexico  
15 [~~state school is authorized to~~] college may develop, implement  
16 and seek accreditation for a baccalaureate degree program in  
17 teacher education [~~for the Espanola campus. The program shall~~  
18 ~~be authorized when the board of regents certifies that the~~  
19 ~~baccalaureate degree program in teacher education:~~

20 (1) ~~has been developed and is ready for~~  
21 ~~implementation; and~~

22 (2) ~~is ready to receive the accreditation~~  
23 ~~review team from the appropriate accrediting agency. In the~~  
24 ~~development of the program, northern New Mexico state school~~  
25 ~~shall engage in a partnership with New Mexico highlands~~

1 ~~university, an educational institution that is sensitive to the~~  
2 ~~socio-cultural conditions of the region and that is prepared to~~  
3 ~~offer collaborative programs to support the critical higher~~  
4 ~~education needs of the students in north central New Mexico]. "~~

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