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HOUSE BILL 982

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

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; AUTHORIZING TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS TO
APPLY TO STUDENTS WHO ARE OFFICERS OF THE NEW MEXICO FUTURE
FARMERS OF AMERICA.

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

Section 1. Section 21-1-4.3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1996,
Chapter 71, Section 3, as amended) is amended to read:

"21-1-4.3. TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS AUTHORIZED--CERTAIN
EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.--

A. To the extent that funds are made available by
the legislature from the lottery tuition fund, the boards of
regents of New Mexico state university, New Mexico institute of
mining and technology, eastern New Mexico university, western
New Mexico university, the university of New Mexico, New Mexico
highlands university and northern New Mexico state school shall

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1 award tuition scholarships for qualified resident students
2 attending their respective institutions and branches of those
3 institutions.

4 B. Except as authorized in [~~Subsection~~] Subsections
5 C, D and E of this section, the tuition scholarships authorized
6 in this section shall apply only to full-time resident students
7 who, immediately upon completion of a high school curriculum at
8 a public or accredited private New Mexico high school or upon
9 receiving a graduate equivalent diploma, are accepted for
10 entrance to and attend one of the state educational
11 institutions set forth in this section or one of the branches
12 of those institutions. Each tuition scholarship shall be
13 awarded for up to four consecutive years beginning the second
14 semester of the recipient's first year of enrollment, provided
15 that the recipient has maintained residency in New Mexico and
16 maintained a grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0
17 scale during [~~his~~] the first semester of full-time enrollment.

18 C. The tuition scholarships authorized in this
19 section shall also apply to full-time resident students who,
20 immediately upon completion of a high school curriculum at a
21 public or accredited private New Mexico high school or upon
22 receiving a graduate equivalent diploma, attend a two-year
23 public post-secondary educational institution in New Mexico and
24 who, upon the completion of that curriculum or at the end of
25 two years, whichever is sooner, transfer to one of the post-

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1 secondary state educational institutions set forth in this
2 section. Those students shall be eligible for a tuition
3 scholarship for two consecutive years, provided that those
4 students maintain residency in New Mexico, maintain a grade
5 point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale and attend the
6 institution full time during the regular academic year.

7 D. The tuition scholarships authorized in this
8 section shall also apply to full-time resident students who:

9 (1) within one hundred twenty days of
10 completion of a high school curriculum at a public or
11 accredited private New Mexico high school, or of receiving a
12 graduate equivalent diploma, begin service in the United States
13 armed forces; and

14 (2) within one hundred twenty days of
15 completion of honorable service or medical discharge from the
16 service are accepted for entrance to and attend one of the
17 state educational institutions set forth in this section.

18 E. The tuition scholarships authorized in this
19 section shall also apply to full-time resident students who are
20 officers of the New Mexico future farmers of America and who,
21 within four hundred sixty days of completion of a high school
22 curriculum at a public or accredited private New Mexico high
23 school, or of receiving a graduate equivalent diploma, are
24 accepted for entrance to and attend one of the state
25 educational institutions set forth in this section or one of

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1 the branches of those institutions.

2 [~~E-~~] F. The commission on higher education shall
3 prepare guidelines setting forth explicit student continuing
4 eligibility criteria and guidelines for administration of the
5 tuition scholarship program. Guidelines shall be distributed
6 to the board of regents of each institution to enable a uniform
7 availability of the resident student tuition scholarships."

8 Section 2. Section 21-13-10 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1963,
9 Chapter 17, Section 9, as amended) is amended to read:

10 "21-13-10. BOARD DUTIES.--

11 A. It is the duty of the community college board to
12 determine financial and educational policies of the community
13 college. The community college board shall provide for the
14 management of the community college and execution of these
15 policies by selecting a competent president for the community
16 college, and, upon the president's recommendation, the board
17 shall employ other administrative personnel, instructional
18 staff or other personnel as may be needed for the operation,
19 maintenance and administration of the community college.

20 B. The community college board shall have the power
21 to fix tuition and fee rates for resident and nonresident
22 students of the community college district, to accept gifts, to
23 accept federal aid, to purchase, hold, sell and rent property
24 and equipment and to promote the general welfare of the
25 institution for the best interest of educational service to the

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1 people of the community college district.

2 C. To the extent that funds are made available by
3 the legislature from the lottery tuition fund, the community
4 college board shall award tuition scholarships for qualified
5 resident students attending their respective institutions.

6 D. Except as authorized in Subsection E of this
7 section, the tuition scholarships authorized in this section
8 shall apply only to full-time resident students who,
9 immediately upon completion of a high school curriculum at a
10 public or accredited private New Mexico high school or upon
11 receiving a graduate equivalent diploma, are accepted for
12 entrance to and attend a community college. Each tuition
13 scholarship shall be awarded for up to two consecutive years
14 beginning the second semester of the recipient's first year of
15 enrollment, provided that the recipient has maintained
16 residency in New Mexico and maintained a grade point average of
17 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale during [~~his~~] the first semester of
18 full-time enrollment.

19 E. The tuition scholarships authorized in this
20 section shall also apply to full-time resident students who are
21 officers of the New Mexico future farmers of America and who,
22 within four hundred sixty days of completion of a high school
23 curriculum at a public or accredited private New Mexico high
24 school, or of receiving a graduate equivalent diploma, are
25 accepted for entrance to and attend a community college.

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1 ~~[E-]~~ F. The commission on higher education shall
2 prepare guidelines setting forth explicit student continuing
3 eligibility criteria and guidelines for administration of the
4 tuition scholarship program. Guidelines shall be distributed
5 to community college boards to enable a uniform availability of
6 the resident student tuition scholarships."

7 Section 3. Section 21-16-10.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1996,
8 Chapter 71, Section 6, as amended) is amended to read:

9 "21-16-10.1. TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS AUTHORIZED.--

10 A. To the extent that funds are made available by
11 the legislature from the lottery tuition fund, the board of a
12 technical and vocational institute shall award tuition
13 scholarships for qualified resident students attending a
14 technical and vocational institute.

15 B. Except as authorized in Subsection C of this
16 section, the tuition scholarships authorized in this section
17 shall apply only to full-time resident students who,
18 immediately upon completion of a high school curriculum at a
19 public or accredited private New Mexico high school or upon
20 receiving a graduate equivalent diploma, are accepted for
21 entrance to and attend a technical and vocational institute.
22 Each tuition scholarship shall be awarded for up to two
23 consecutive years beginning the second semester of the
24 recipient's first year of enrollment, provided that the
25 recipient has maintained residency in New Mexico and maintained

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1 a grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale during
2 [~~his~~] the first semester of full-time enrollment with renewal
3 of an additional two years upon transfer.

4 C. The tuition scholarships authorized in this
5 section shall also apply to full-time resident students who are
6 officers of the New Mexico future farmers of America and who,
7 within four hundred sixty days of completion of a high school
8 curriculum at a public or accredited private New Mexico high
9 school, or of receiving a graduate equivalent diploma, are
10 accepted for entrance to and attend a technical and vocational
11 institute.

12 [~~C.~~] D. The commission on higher education shall
13 prepare guidelines setting forth explicit student continuing
14 eligibility criteria and guidelines for administration of the
15 tuition scholarship program. Guidelines shall be distributed
16 to the boards of technical and vocational institutes to enable
17 a uniform availability of the resident student tuition
18 scholarships."