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SENATE BILL 582

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

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AN ACT

RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION; PROHIBITING DENIAL OF ADMISSION
OR ELIGIBILITY FOR EDUCATION BENEFITS ON ACCOUNT OF IMMIGRATION
STATUS.

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

Section 1. A new section of Chapter 21, Article 1 NMSA
1978 is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY FOR ADMISSION TO
ANY PUBLIC POST-SECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION--
NONDISCRIMINATION IN ELIGIBILITY FOR EDUCATION BENEFITS. --

A. A public post-secondary educational institution
shall not deny admission to a student on account of the
student's immigration status.

B. Any tuition rate, scholarship, loan or other
post-secondary educational benefit that is granted to residents

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1 of New Mexico shall also be granted on the same terms to all
2 persons, regardless of immigration status, who have attended a
3 secondary educational institution in New Mexico for at least
4 one year and who have either graduated from a New Mexico high
5 school or received a general educational development
6 certificate in New Mexico.

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