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SENATE BILL 289

47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2006

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AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; PROVIDING FOR FEE AND TUITION WAIVERS
FOR CERTAIN CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES DEPARTMENT CLIENTS.

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

Section 1. A new Section 21-1-4.7 NMSA 1978 is enacted to
read:

"21-1-4.7. [NEW MATERIAL] FEE AND TUITION WAIVER--
CONDITIONS.--

A. The boards of regents of each of the state's
public post-secondary educational institutions shall provide
fee and tuition waivers to any person who:

(1) meets the institution's academic admission
requirements;

(2) applies to and enters the institution
within one year of high school graduation or receipt of a

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1 general equivalency diploma;

2 (3) enrolls and remains enrolled as a full-
3 time student;

4 (4) is, or, if the person has reached the age
5 of majority, was, in juvenile justice or protective services
6 custody of the children, youth and families department at the
7 time the person turned eighteen; and

8 (5) maintains a minimum yearly grade point
9 average of 2.5 in a 4.0 system.

10 B. Tuition and fee waivers provided pursuant to
11 this section shall be available for no more than five calendar
12 years from the person's first semester of enrollment at an
13 institution. This waiver shall be available to qualifying
14 persons at each of the state's institutions of higher education
15 regardless of the institution in which the student first
16 enrolled or is applying for transfer."

17 Section 2. A new Section 21-13-19.1 NMSA 1978 is enacted
18 to read:

19 "21-13-19.1. [NEW MATERIAL] FEE AND TUITION WAIVER--
20 CONDITIONS.--

21 A. The community college boards of each of the
22 state's community colleges shall provide fee and tuition
23 waivers to any person who:

24 (1) meets the institution's academic admission
25 requirements;

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1 (2) applies to and enters the institution
2 within one year of high school graduation or receipt of a
3 general equivalency diploma;

4 (3) enrolls and remains enrolled as a full-
5 time student;

6 (4) is, or, if the person has reached the age
7 of majority, was, in juvenile justice or protective services
8 custody of the children, youth and families department at the
9 time the person turned eighteen; and

10 (5) maintains a minimum yearly grade point
11 average of 2.5 in a 4.0 system.

12 B. Tuition and fee waivers provided pursuant to
13 this section shall be available for no more than five calendar
14 years from the person's first semester of enrollment at a
15 community college. This waiver shall be available to
16 qualifying persons at each of the state's community colleges
17 regardless of the college in which the student first enrolled
18 or is applying for transfer."

19 Section 3. A new Section 21-16-10.2 NMSA 1978 is enacted
20 to read:

21 "21-16-10.2. [NEW MATERIAL] FEE AND TUITION WAIVER--
22 CONDITIONS.--

23 A. The governing boards of each of the state's
24 technical and vocational institutes shall provide fee and
25 tuition waivers to any person who:

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1 (1) meets the institution's academic admission
2 requirements;

3 (2) applies to and enters the institution
4 within one year of high school graduation or receipt of a
5 general equivalency diploma;

6 (3) enrolls and remains enrolled as a full-
7 time student;

8 (4) is, or, if the person has reached the age
9 of majority, was, in juvenile justice or protective services
10 custody of the children, youth and families department at the
11 time the person turned eighteen; and

12 (5) maintains a minimum yearly grade point
13 average of 2.5 in a 4.0 system.

14 B. Tuition and fee waivers provided pursuant to
15 this section shall be available for no more than five calendar
16 years from the person's first semester of enrollment at a
17 technical and vocational institute. This waiver shall be
18 available to qualifying persons at each of the state's
19 technical and vocational institutes regardless of the institute
20 in which the student first enrolled or is applying for
21 transfer."