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SENATE BILL 386

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

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AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; MAKING TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS WHO DO NOT APPLY TO A STATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION IMMEDIATELY UPON COMPLETION OF A HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM OR IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIVING A GRADUATE EQUIVALENT DIPLOMA.

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

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1 highlands university and northern New Mexico state school shall
2 award tuition scholarships for qualified resident students
3 attending their respective institutions and branches of those
4 institutions.

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

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

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1 ~~who, upon the completion of that curriculum or at the end of~~
2 ~~two years, whichever is sooner, transfer to one of the post-~~
3 ~~secondary state educational institutions set forth in this~~
4 ~~section. Those students shall be eligible for a tuition~~
5 ~~scholarship for two consecutive years, provided that those~~
6 ~~students maintain residency in New Mexico, maintain a grade~~
7 ~~point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale and attend the~~
8 ~~institution full time during the regular academic year.~~

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

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

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

20 E.] C. The [commission on] higher education
21 department shall prepare guidelines setting forth explicit
22 student continuing eligibility criteria and guidelines for
23 administration of the tuition scholarship program. Guidelines
24 shall be distributed to the board of regents of each
25 institution to enable a uniform availability of the resident

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1 student tuition scholarships."

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

4 "21-13-10. BOARD DUTIES.--

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

14 B. The community college board shall have the power
15 to fix tuition and fee rates for resident and nonresident
16 students of the district, to accept gifts, to accept federal
17 aid, to purchase, hold, sell and rent property and equipment
18 and to promote the general welfare of the institution for the
19 best interest of educational service to the people of the
20 community college district.

21 C. To the extent that funds are made available by
22 the legislature from the lottery tuition fund, the community
23 college board shall award tuition scholarships for qualified
24 resident students attending their respective institutions.

25 D. The tuition scholarships authorized in this

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1 section shall apply only to full-time resident students who,
2 [~~immediately upon~~] after completion of a high school curriculum
3 at a public or accredited private New Mexico high school or
4 [~~upon~~] after receiving a graduate equivalent diploma, are
5 accepted for entrance to and attend a community college. Each
6 tuition scholarship shall be awarded for up to two consecutive
7 years beginning the second semester of the recipient's first
8 year of enrollment [~~provided that~~] if the recipient has
9 maintained residency in New Mexico and maintained a grade point
10 average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale during [~~his~~] the
11 recipient's first semester of full-time enrollment.

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

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

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

22 A. To the extent that funds are made available by
23 the legislature from the lottery tuition fund, the board of a
24 technical and vocational institute shall award tuition
25 scholarships for qualified resident students attending a

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1 technical and vocational institute.

2 B. The tuition scholarships authorized in this
3 section shall apply only to full-time resident students who,
4 [~~immediately upon~~] after completion of a high school curriculum
5 at a public or accredited private New Mexico high school or
6 [~~upon~~] after receiving a graduate equivalent diploma, are
7 accepted for entrance to and attend a technical and vocational
8 institute. Each tuition scholarship shall be awarded for up to
9 two consecutive years beginning the second semester of the
10 recipient's first year of enrollment [~~provided that~~] if the
11 recipient has maintained residency in New Mexico and maintained
12 a grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale during
13 [~~his~~] the recipient's first semester of full-time enrollment
14 with renewal of an additional two years upon transfer.

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

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