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AN ACT  
RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION; CREATING THE ALLIANCE FOR  
UNDERREPRESENTED STUDENTS AT NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY.

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

Section 1. A new section of Chapter 21, Article 8 NMSA  
1978 is enacted to read:

"ALLIANCE FOR UNDERREPRESENTED STUDENTS CREATED--  
PURPOSE.--

A. "The alliance for underrepresented students" is  
created at New Mexico state university.

B. Participating organizations in the alliance  
shall be the New Mexico alliance for minority participation  
and the regional alliance for science, engineering and  
mathematics for students with disabilities. The purposes of  
the alliance are to:

(1) promote science, technology, engineering  
and mathematics education and retention at the undergraduate  
and graduate level for underrepresented students;

(2) engage in research on and development of  
programs that support student retention and achievement;

(3) disseminate knowledge acquired through  
education and retention programs; and

(4) collaborate with and provide assistance  
to kindergarten through twelfth grade educators and

1 post-secondary educational institutions to support science,  
2 technology, engineering and mathematics education and student  
3 achievement.

4 C. The alliance shall submit an annual report to  
5 the board of regents of New Mexico state university and the  
6 legislature detailing the activities and accomplishments of  
7 the alliance. The reports of the alliance may be printed and  
8 distributed by the university as appropriate, and revenue  
9 from the sale of the reports shall be paid into the account  
10 of the New Mexico state university.

11 D. The alliance may receive appropriations from  
12 the legislature through the board of regents and may receive  
13 gifts, grants and donations from public or private sources."==