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SENATE BILL 38

**48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2008**

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION; REQUIRING NONRESIDENT STUDENTS TO PROVIDE PROOF OF HEALTH INSURANCE PRIOR TO ADMISSION TO A POST-SECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

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

Section 1. PROOF OF HEALTH INSURANCE REQUIRED PRIOR TO THE ADMISSION OF NONRESIDENT STUDENTS.--

A. A nonresident student shall not be admitted to a public post-secondary educational institution unless the student can provide proof of being covered by a health insurance policy or plan that provides substantially the same or greater health insurance coverage than a health insurance policy or plan generally offered to students by the institution.

B. The higher education department shall establish

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1 criteria and guidelines for a nonresident student to provide  
2 proof of appropriate health insurance.

3 C. For purposes of this section, "nonresident  
4 student" means a nonresident student as defined by the higher  
5 education department pursuant to Subsection G of Section 21-1-4  
6 NMSA 1978.

7 Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the  
8 provisions of this act is July 1, 2008.

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