1	HOUSE BILL 73
2	49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009
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10	AN ACT
11	RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION; CHANGING THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE
12	COLLEGE AFFORDABILITY ENDOWMENT FUND.
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14	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:
15	Section 1. Section 21-21L-8 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2005,
16	Chapter 192, Section 8, as amended by Laws 2007, Chapter 70,
17	Section 7 and by Laws 2007, Chapter 71, Section 7 and also by
18	Laws 2007, Chapter 85, Section 7) is amended to read:
19	"21-21L-8. FUNDS CREATED
20	A. The "college affordability endowment fund" is
21	created as a nonreverting fund in the state treasury,
22	consisting of appropriations; unspecified gifts, grants and
23	donations to the fund; and income from investment of the fund
24	except as provided in Subsection C of this section.
25	B. The "college affordability scholarship fund" is
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1 created as a nonreverting fund in the state treasury, 2 consisting of income from investment of the fund and any 3 specified distributions, appropriations, gifts, grants and 4 donations to the fund. Money in the scholarship fund is 5 appropriated to the department for scholarship awards as 6 provided in the College Affordability Act. Expenditures from 7 the scholarship fund shall be by warrant of the secretary of 8 finance and administration pursuant to vouchers signed by the 9 secretary of higher education or the secretary's authorized 10 representative.

[G. Until fifty percent of the annual income from investment of the college affordability endowment fund is equal to or exceeds two million dollars (\$2,000,000), an annual distribution of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) shall be made from the college affordability endowment fund to the college affordability scholarship fund. Thereafter, until the corpus of the endowment fund is two hundred fifty million dollars (\$250,000,000), fifty percent of the income from investment of the fund shall be applied to the corpus of the fund and fifty percent shall be distributed annually to the scholarship fund. After the corpus of the endowment fund is two hundred fifty million dollars (\$250,000,000), all of the income from investment of the fund shall be distributed to the college affordability scholarship fund.]

C. The annual distribution to the scholarship fund .174943.3GR

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1	shall be five percent of the average of the year-end market
2	values of the endowment fund for the immediately preceding five
3	calendar years. Until the corpus of the endowment fund is two
4	hundred fifty million dollars (\$250,000,000), fifty percent of
5	the annual distribution amount shall be applied to the corpus
6	of the fund and fifty percent shall be distributed annually to
7	the scholarship fund; provided, however, that at least two
8	million dollars (\$2,000,000) shall be distributed annually to
9	the scholarship fund. After the corpus of the endowment fund
10	is two hundred fifty million dollars (\$250,000,000), all of the
11	annual distribution amount shall be distributed to the college
12	affordability scholarship fund."
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