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HOUSE BILL 70

**50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2011**

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AN ACT

RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION; PROHIBITING GENERAL FUND  
DISTRIBUTIONS TO PUBLIC POST-SECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS  
THAT HAVE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION OR TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAMS  
THAT DO NOT INSTRUCT STUDENTS IN HOW TO TEACH READING THAT IS  
BASED ON SCIENTIFICALLY BASED READING RESEARCH AND THE SCIENCE  
OF READING AND WHICH COURSES ARE ALIGNED WITH STATE READING  
STANDARDS AND MEET OTHER REQUIREMENTS.

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

**SECTION 1. PUBLIC POST-SECONDARY EDUCATIONAL  
INSTITUTIONS--TEACHER PREPARATION--SCIENCE-BASED READING  
INSTRUCTION.--**

A. To qualify for state funding, a college of  
education or teacher preparation program at a public post-  
secondary educational institution must instruct students in how

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1 to teach reading in courses that are based on current  
2 scientifically based reading research and the science of  
3 reading and which courses are aligned with public-education-  
4 department-adopted reading standards and include strategies and  
5 assessment measures to ensure that beginning teachers are  
6 proficient in teaching reading.

7 B. No appropriation by the legislature to a public  
8 post-secondary educational institution shall be distributed to  
9 a college of education or teacher preparation program that does  
10 not meet the requirements of Subsection A of this section. The  
11 higher education department shall certify that the college of  
12 education or teacher preparation program meets the requirements  
13 of that subsection.