

1 SENATE BILL 256

2 **50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2012**

3 INTRODUCED BY

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO EDUCATION; PROVIDING FUNDING FOR TRIBAL COLLEGES  
12 THAT PARTICIPATE IN THE DUAL CREDIT PROGRAM FOR HIGH SCHOOL  
13 STUDENTS TO OFFSET WAIVED TUITION AND FEES; CREATING THE TRIBAL  
14 COLLEGE DUAL CREDIT PROGRAM FUND; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

17 SECTION 1. A new section of Chapter 21, Article 1 NMSA  
18 1978 is enacted to read:

19 [NEW MATERIAL] FUND CREATED--TRIBAL COLLEGE DUAL CREDIT  
20 PROGRAM FUND--ADMINISTRATION.--

21 A. The "tribal college dual credit program fund" is  
22 created in the state treasury. The fund shall be administered  
23 by the higher education department. Money in the fund is  
24 appropriated to the higher education department to be used only  
25 to compensate tribal colleges for the tuition and fees waived

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1 to allow high school students to attend classes on the college  
2 campus or electronically pursuant to the dual credit program  
3 set forth in Section 21-1-1.2 NMSA 1978.

4 B. The fund shall consist of:

5 (1) money appropriated by the legislature for  
6 the purposes of the tribal college dual credit program fund as  
7 it applies to tribal colleges;

8 (2) grants, gifts, donations and bequests for  
9 the dual credit program as it applies to tribal colleges; and

10 (3) earnings on the money in the fund.

11 C. Disbursements from the fund shall be made by  
12 warrant of the secretary of finance and administration pursuant  
13 to vouchers signed by the secretary of higher education or the  
14 secretary's designee.

15 D. Unexpended and unencumbered balances in the fund  
16 shall revert to the general fund at the end of each fiscal  
17 year.

18 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.**--Five hundred thousand dollars  
19 (\$500,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the tribal  
20 college dual credit program fund for expenditure in fiscal year  
21 2013 to compensate tribal colleges as provided in Section  
22 21-1-1.2 NMSA 1978 for foregone revenue due to the waiver of  
23 tuition and fees by the college for high school students  
24 participating in that program during the preceding school year.  
25 Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of

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1 fiscal year 2013 shall revert to the general fund.

2 SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the  
3 provisions of this act is July 1, 2012.

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