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FIRST SESSION, 2019

HB 20/a

March 14, 2019

Mr. President:

Your **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**, to whom has been referred

HOUSE BILL 20, as amended

has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that it **DO PASS**, amended as follows:

1. On page 1, line 12, strike "LOANS" and insert in lieu thereof "SCHOLARSHIPS".

2. On page 1, line 21, strike "9" and insert in lieu thereof "8".

3. On pages 1 and 2, strike Section 2 in its entirety.

4. On page 2, strike Subsection C in its entirety.

5. On pages 3 through 8, strike Sections 4 through 6, 8 and 9 in their entirety.

6. On page 7, line 14, strike the remainder of the line after the period, strike lines 15 through 17, strike line 18 through the period and insert in lieu thereof:

"The fund consists of money appropriated for scholarships pursuant to the Grow Your Own Teachers Act, earnings from investment of the fund, gifts, grants and donations to the fund."

7. On page 8, strike lines 12 and 13 and on line 14, strike the opening quotation mark and insert in lieu thereof "SECTION 4."

8. On page 8, line 21, strike "loan" and insert in lieu thereof "scholarship".

9. On page 9, line 5, strike the closing quotation mark.

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10. On page 9, between lines 5 and 6, insert the following new sections:

"SECTION 5. [NEW MATERIAL] CONDITIONS FOR ELIGIBILITY.--A scholarship may be awarded to an educational assistant who:

A. has not earned appropriate educational credentials to be licensed as a teacher by the public education department;

B. has demonstrated financial need consistent with the criteria promulgated by the department; and

C. has complied with other rules promulgated by the department to carry out the provisions of the Grow Your Own Teachers Act.

SECTION 6. [NEW MATERIAL] SCHOLARSHIP AUTHORIZED--ADMINISTRATION--PREFERENCE IN SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS.--

A. The department shall administer the Grow Your Own Teachers Act and shall promulgate rules to carry out the provisions of that act.

B. Scholarships shall be awarded to qualified educational assistants. Qualifications shall be determined by rule of the department.

C. The department shall allocate money to public post-secondary educational institutions based on a student need formula calculated according to income reported on the free application for federal student aid and on the number of students enrolled in each public education department-approved teacher preparation program at a New Mexico public post-secondary educational institution.

D. Public post-secondary educational institutions shall make awards to qualifying eligible students based on financial need in an amount not to exceed six thousand dollars (\$6,000) per year for not more than five years as determined by rule of the department.

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E. Money for the scholarship shall be placed in an account at the public post-secondary educational institution in the name of the educational assistant, and the money may be drawn upon to pay educational expenses charged by the institution, including tuition, fees, books and course supplies.

SECTION 7. [NEW MATERIAL] DURATION OF SCHOLARSHIP.--Each scholarship is for a period of one semester. A scholarship may be renewed, as long as the educational assistant continues to meet the conditions of eligibility, until the educational assistant graduates from a public post-secondary educational institution.

SECTION 8. [NEW MATERIAL] TERMINATION OF SCHOLARSHIP.--A scholarship is terminated upon occurrence of one or more of the following:

A. the educational assistant withdraws from the public post-secondary educational institution or from the teacher preparation program, or the educational assistant fails to remain at least a half-time student;

B. the educational assistant fails to achieve satisfactory academic progress; or

C. the educational assistant is in substantial noncompliance with the Grow Your Own Teachers Act or the rules promulgated pursuant to that act."

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11. Renumber sections and reletter subsections to correspond with these amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

William P. Soules, Chairman

Adopted _____ Not Adopted _____
(Chief Clerk) (Chief Clerk)

Date _____

The roll call vote was 8 For 1 Against

Yes: 8

No: Brandt

Excused: None

Absent: None

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