

1 HOUSE BILL 49

2 **54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2020**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO EDUCATION; EXPANDING THE POOL OF EDUCATIONAL
12 ASSISTANTS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO BE AWARDED GROW YOUR OWN
13 TEACHERS ACT SCHOLARSHIPS.
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15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

16 SECTION 1. Section 21-21P-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2019,
17 Chapter 230, Section 2) is amended to read:

18 "21-21P-2. DEFINITIONS.--As used in the Grow Your Own
19 Teachers Act:

20 A. "department" means the higher education
21 department;

22 B. "educational assistant" means a [~~United States~~
23 ~~citizen and~~] resident of New Mexico who is authorized to work
24 in the United States and who has worked as an educational
25 assistant in a public school for at least two years and is in

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1 good standing with the school district and who is enrolled in
2 or accepted by an undergraduate teacher preparation program at
3 a regionally accredited public post-secondary educational
4 institution in New Mexico;

5 C. "public school" includes constitutional special
6 schools and state institutions and state agencies that educate
7 children and employ educational assistants; and

8 D. "teacher preparation program" means a program
9 that has been formally approved as meeting the requirements of
10 the public education department and that leads to level one
11 teacher licensure, including a program in a two-year post-
12 secondary educational institution that meets the requirements
13 for a teacher education transfer module established pursuant to
14 Subsection C of Section 21-1B-4 NMSA 1978."

15 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
16 provisions of this act is July 1, 2020.