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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS  
2024 REGULAR SESSION**

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**SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION**

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Date 2024-01-31

Bill No: HB281

Sponsor: Townsend, James G  
Short    LOTTERY TUITION  
Title:    SCHOLARSHIP

Agency Name  
and Code    NMHED  
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**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**

**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25		
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25	FY26		

N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

**ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)**

	<b>FY24</b>	<b>FY25</b>	<b>FY26</b>	<b>3 Year Total Cost</b>	<b>Recurring or Nonrecurring</b>	<b>Fund Affected</b>
<b>Total</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:

Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act:

**SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

**BILL SUMMARY**

HB281 amends 21-21N-2, NMSA 1978 the Legislative Lottery Tuition Scholarship Act.

The Lottery Tuition Scholarship Act removes the definition of "legacy students" throughout the act. In addition, HB281 makes several non-substantive amendments to correct outdated references within the statute.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

HB281 does not include an appropriation.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

Amendments to the Lottery Scholarships Act by removing a reference enacted in 2014 identifying a "legacy student". HB281 makes several non-substantive amendments to correct outdated references within the statute. The Act removes public or accredited private from the definition of "qualified student". This will expand eligibility for all New Mexico graduate students.

**PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

There are not any performance measures specified in the bill.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The New Mexico Higher Education Department (NMHED) Financial Aid Division administers regulations promulgated pursuant to the Legislative Lottery Scholarship Program in 5.7.20 NMAC. Public postsecondary educational institutions are responsible for packaging awards to eligible graduate students.

The NMHED would need to amend the rules and regulations for the Lottery Tuition Scholarship.

#### CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

N/A

#### TECHNICAL ISSUES

N/A

#### OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

N/A

#### ALTERNATIVES

N/A

#### WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

The definition of "legacy students" will remain within the Legislative Lottery Tuition Scholarship Act.

#### AMENDMENTS

N/A