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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS
2024 REGULAR SESSION**

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

Check all that apply:
Original **Amendment**
Correction **Substitute**

Date January 30, 2024

Bill No: SB0239

Sponsor: Muñoz & Correa Hemphill
Short Lottery Scholarship Changes
Title: _____

Agency Name and Code
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25	FY26		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY24	FY25	FY26	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total						

(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

Synopsis:

This bill amends the Legislative Lottery Tuition Scholarship Act.

- It defines full-time as enrolled in thirty or more credits per year for four-year state educational institution and twenty-four credits for students enrolled at a community college.
- It adds three summer semesters to the terms eligible for tuition scholarship funding, with summer enrollment required to be at least 3 credits and no more than 9. Students can only use the tuition scholarship if they do not need summer enrollment to maintain scholarship eligibility.
- It removes all references to legacy students.
- It removes credit hour limits to the semester prior to graduation.
- Students with disabilities may have their definition of “full time” adjusted to as low as 6 credits during a semester and 3 during a summer term.
- Dual credit courses do not apply to the credit hour cap for the tuition scholarship.

The reporting basis the Higher Education Department uses to estimate the next year’s maximum distribution will be based on the annual increase in the higher education price index for the mountain region.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Note: major assumptions underlying fiscal impact should be documented.

Note: if additional operating budget impact is estimated, assumptions and calculations should be reported in this section.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Removing credits earned through dual credit will greatly assist students who enroll at NMSU. We currently have over 200 dual credit students on the NMSU-Las Cruces campus. Many of them will exceed the 160-credit limit before they reach graduation. This will allow them to use the tuition scholarship until their graduation.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

None

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

None

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None

ALTERNATIVES

None

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

N/A

AMENDMENTS

None.