

**FIFTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SESSION, 2024**

February 12, 2024

Mr. Speaker:

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

SENATE BILL 239

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

1. On page 1, line 14, after the semicolon, insert "LOWERING THE NUMBER OF REQUIRED CREDIT HOURS FOR FALL AND SPRING SEMESTERS FOR LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIPS;".

2. On page 1, strike line 18 and insert in lieu thereof "PROVIDING FOR A SHORT-TERM CHANGE IN THE CALCULATION OF THE OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP DISTRIBUTION.".

3. On page 6, line 12, after the comma, strike the remainder of the line, strike line 13 and strike line 14 through "provided" and insert in lieu thereof:

"thirty credit hours, which may be apportioned among fall through summer semesters, with no fewer than twelve credit hours in the fall and spring semesters and between three and nine credit hours for summer semesters; provided that the department may provide by rule for exceptions to the number of summer semester credit hours; and provided further".

4. On page 6, line 19, after the comma, strike the remainder of the line, strike lines 20 and 21 and strike line 22 through "provided" and insert in lieu thereof:

"twenty-four credit hours, which may be apportioned among fall through summer semesters, with no fewer than nine credit hours in the fall and spring semesters and between three and nine credit hours for summer semesters; provided that the department may provide by rule for exceptions to the number of summer semester credit hours; and provided further".

5. On page 8, line 12, strike "in New Mexico".

6. On page 12, line 4, after "year", insert "through fiscal year 2028".

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Respectfully submitted,

G. Andres Romero, Chair

Adopted _____
(Chief Clerk)

Not Adopted _____
(Chief Clerk)

Date _____

The roll call vote was 8 For 0 Against

Yes: 8

No: 0

Excused: Baca, Lane, Madrid, Parajón, Roybal Caballero

Absent: None

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