

1 HOUSE BILL 64
2 **57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025**
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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION; EXPANDING THE SCOPE OF THE
12 NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR POST-SECONDARY
13 TUITION RATES AND STATE-FUNDED FINANCIAL AID.
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15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

16 SECTION 1. Section 21-1-4.6 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2005,
17 Chapter 348, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

18 "21-1-4.6. NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY FOR ADMISSION TO ANY
19 PUBLIC POST-SECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION--
20 NONDISCRIMINATION IN ELIGIBILITY FOR EDUCATION BENEFITS.--

21 A. A public post-secondary educational institution
22 shall not deny admission to a student on account of the
23 student's immigration status.

24 B. Any tuition rate or state-funded financial aid
25 that is granted to residents of New Mexico shall also be

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1 granted on the same terms to all persons, regardless of
2 immigration status, who ~~[have]~~:

3 (1) attended a secondary educational
4 institution in New Mexico for at least one year and ~~[who have]~~
5 either graduated from a New Mexico high school or received a
6 high school equivalency credential in New Mexico;

7 (2) attended adult education courses
8 recognized by the adult basic education division of the higher
9 education department for a period equivalent to two semesters
10 as provided by rule; or

11 (3) in the immediately preceding two years,
12 earned income in New Mexico for which returns were filed
13 pursuant to the Income Tax Act.

14 C. Any tuition rate or state-funded financial aid
15 that is granted to residents of New Mexico shall be granted on
16 the same terms to all persons for whom a court made findings of
17 fact and rulings of law in accordance with the Special
18 Immigrant Juvenile Classification Act and submitted an
19 application to the United States secretary of homeland security
20 for a grant of special immigrant juvenile status as provided in
21 8 U.S.C. Section 1101(a)(27)(J)."

22 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
23 provisions of this act is July 1, 2025.

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