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HOUSE BILL 172

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1998

INTRODUCED BY

KIP W. NICELY

AN ACT

RENAMING THE LEGISLATOR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AT THE NEW MEXICO  
MILITARY INSTITUTE THE "GENERAL RICHARD T. KNOWLES LEGISLATIVE  
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM".

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 21-12-11 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1989,  
Chapter 44, Section 1 and Laws 1989, Chapter 45, Section 1) is  
amended to read:

"21-12-11. [~~LEGISLATOR~~] GENERAL RICHARD T. KNOWLES  
LEGISLATIVE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CREATED--PURPOSE.--There is  
created the "~~[legislator]~~ General Richard T. Knowles  
legislative scholarship program" at the New Mexico military  
institute. The purpose of the program is to increase the  
number of New Mexico residents attending the New Mexico  
military institute and to increase the opportunity for

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1 promising young people [~~that~~] who might not otherwise have the  
2 opportunity to participate in a military education and  
3 environment. "

4 Section 2. Section 21-12-12 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1989,  
5 Chapter 44, Section 2 and Laws 1989, Chapter 45, Section 2) is  
6 amended to read:

7 "21-12-12. PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION--CRITERIA. --

8 A. The [~~legislator~~] General Richard T. Knowles  
9 legislative scholarship program shall be administered by the  
10 board of regents of the New Mexico military institute. The  
11 board of regents shall establish one hundred twelve  
12 scholarships available to New Mexico residents, one  
13 scholarship available in each state legislative district.

14 B. Annually, each state legislator may nominate  
15 four prospective scholarship recipients to the board of  
16 regents of the New Mexico military institute.

17 C. Scholarships shall be awarded to qualifying New  
18 Mexico residents for a term not to exceed four years.

19 D. The board of regents shall establish criteria  
20 for the awarding of scholarships. Criteria shall include  
21 scholastic ability, faculty recommendations, standardized test  
22 scores, letters of recommendation, school honors and  
23 extracurricular activities. "

24 Section 3. Section 21-12-13 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1990,  
25 Chapter 109, Section 1) is amended to read:

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1           "21-12-13. FUND CREATED. --The "legislative scholarship  
2 fund" is created. No money appropriated to the fund or  
3 accruing to it through gifts, grants or bequests shall be  
4 transferred to another fund. The fund shall not revert at the  
5 end of any fiscal year. Any interest earned from investment  
6 of the fund shall be credited to the legislative scholarship  
7 fund for the purpose of implementing the General Richard T.  
8 Knowles legislative scholarship program. Money in the fund is  
9 appropriated to the New Mexico military institute. "

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8 Mr. President:

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10 Your RULES COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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15 has had it under consideration and reports same with

16 recommendation that it DO PASS, amended as follows:

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18 1. On page 2, line 13, strike "in" and insert "for".

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20 2. On page 2, line 16, after the period, insert a new  
21 sentence: "If a legislator has no applicant from his or her  
22 district, that senator or representative may choose to nominate  
23 an applicant from a senate or representative district contiguous  
24 to his or her own, thus maintaining geographical diversity in  
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the corps of cadets while affording a greater opportunity for  
more New Mexicans to receive a scholarship".

Respectfully submitted,

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Gloria Howes, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 5 For 0 Against

Yes: 5

No: 0

Excused: Aragon, Gorham, Stockard

Absent: None

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