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HOUSE BILL 401

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

INTRODUCED BY

J. PAUL TAYLOR

AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A
STUDENT TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM; CREATING A FUND; MAKING
AN APPROPRIATION.

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

Section 1. SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ESTABLISHED. --

A. In order to encourage individuals to enter the
teaching profession and to retain teachers in New Mexico, the
commission on higher education shall promulgate regulations to
establish and administer a student teacher scholarship
program.

B. In establishing the program, the commission on
higher education shall:

(1) develop standardized methods to identify
eligible student teachers and to distribute money to

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1 state-board-of-education-approved teacher training
2 institutions;

3 (2) verify that recipients are employed as
4 full-time teachers in a public or state-board-of-education-
5 accredited private school setting in New Mexico for at least
6 one year after completion of student teaching;

7 (3) develop criteria for selection of
8 scholarship recipients, which shall include academic
9 performance, campus involvement, letters of recommendation and
10 personal commitment to the teaching profession;

11 (4) pay full tuition for recipients for the
12 semester in which they are student teaching; and

13 (5) ensure that recipients comply with all
14 regulations adopted by the commission for the scholarship
15 program, including a regulation providing for the repayment,
16 within one year, of all scholarship funds granted a student,
17 if that student does not comply with the provisions of
18 Paragraph (2) of this subsection.

19 Section 2. STUDENT TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP FUND CREATED. --

20 The "student teacher scholarship fund" is created in the state
21 treasury. Money in the fund shall not revert at the end of a
22 fiscal year. Money appropriated to the fund or accruing to it
23 through gifts, grants, bequests and devices shall be deposited
24 in the fund. The fund shall be invested as other state funds
25 are invested. Money in the fund is appropriated to the

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1 commission on higher education to carry out the purposes of
2 Section 1 of this act. Disbursements from the fund shall be
3 made upon warrants drawn by the secretary of finance and
4 administration pursuant to vouchers signed by the executive
5 director of the commission on higher education or his
6 designee. The commission shall use no more than three percent
7 of the money in the fund for administration. The remaining
8 money in the fund shall be used to carry out the provisions of
9 Section 1 of this act.

10 Section 3. APPROPRIATION. --Two hundred fifty thousand
11 dollars (\$250,000) is appropriated from the general fund to
12 the commission on higher education for the student teacher
13 scholarship fund for expenditure in fiscal year 1999 and
14 subsequent fiscal years to carry out the provisions of Section
15 1 of this act. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance
16 remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the
17 general fund.

1 FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

2 SECOND SESSION, 1998

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8 Mr. Speaker:

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10 Your EDUCATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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

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17 1. On page 3, line 3, strike "drawn" and insert in lieu
18 thereof "authorized".,

19 and thence referred to the APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE
20 COMMITTEE.

FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
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Respectfully submitted,

Rick Miera, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 11 For 1 Against

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Excused: Beam

Absent: None

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