HOUSE BILL 186

44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION; AMENDING THE FUNDING FORMULA TO SUPPORT EQUAL FUNDING OF OFF-CAMPUS AND ON-CAMPUS COURSES.

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

Section 1. Section 21-2-5.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1988, Chapter 164, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

"21-2-5.1. FUNDING FORMULA. --

A. The commission on higher education shall develop a funding formula that will provide funding for each institution of higher education to accomplish its mission as determined by a statewide plan.

B. The commission on higher education may include factors in the funding formula, which when implemented will achieve the following:

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- (1) improve the quality of programs central to each institution's mission:
- (2) develop and enhance programs that meet targeted post-secondary educational needs and the related needs of public schools;
- (3) eliminate unnecessary, unproductive or duplicative programs;
- (4) consider faculty salaries and benefits adjustment to a competitive level with similar institutions in similar states, when such compensation adjustments are supported by detailed analyses of faculty workloads and educational outcomes assessments, and nonteaching staff salaries and benefits at a competitive level with other similar public or private sector employment in the community in which the institution is situated;
- (5) recognize additional costs incurred through increases in enrollment;
- (6) provide for equipment and equipment maintenance and library acquisitions and operations since the development of the prior funding formula;
- (7) fund off-campus courses [and other nontraditional course delivery systems at a level sufficient to allow their development] at the same level as on-campus courses;
 - (8) provide incentives to institutions to

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- (9) encourage the sharing of expertise, equipment and facilities and development of joint instructional programs, research and public service projects;
- (10) implement uniform articulation agreements and facilitation of transfer of students between institutions;
 - (11) encourage energy conservation; and
- (12) require mechanisms to track expenditures to ensure greater accountability."

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Mr. Speaker:

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

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has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that it **DO PASS**, and thence referred to the **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Mera, Chairman

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