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SENATE BILL 120

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

INTRODUCED BY

Sue F. Wilson

FOR THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH; PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF A DENTAL HEALTH CAREER LADDER PROGRAM THROUGH NEW MEXICO'S STATE-SUPPORTED POST-SECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

Section 1. DENTAL HEALTH CAREER LADDER PROGRAM - COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION. --

A. The commission on higher education shall develop and implement by July 1, 2000 a statewide dental health career ladder program to include all appropriate state-supported post-secondary educational institutions.

B. The dental health career ladder program shall include the following programs:

- (1) dental office auxiliary training;

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- 1 (2) dental assistant certification;
- 2 (3) dental hygienist associate degree;
- 3 (4) dental hygienist bachelor's degree; and
- 4 (5) dental hygienist master's degree.

5 C. The dental health career ladder program shall:

6 (1) be structured to produce trained  
7 individuals for service in geographical areas underserved in  
8 New Mexico;

9 (2) use existing educational programs and  
10 distribute needed training programs throughout the state;

11 (3) accommodate welfare-to-work clients and  
12 nontraditional students;

13 (4) ensure consistency in accumulation and  
14 transfer of credit hours from institution to institution and  
15 from one degree program to another;

16 (5) seek accreditation for each program so as  
17 to facilitate professional licensing;

18 (6) recognize and incorporate relevant work  
19 experience in awarding educational credit;

20 (7) use alternative methods of course  
21 delivery, including distance education and partnerships with  
22 the private sector;

23 (8) use expertise from both educators and  
24 dental professionals in designing and implementing programs;  
25 and

1 (9) assist the New Mexico board of dental  
2 health care to develop and provide continuing education  
3 programs.

4 Section 2. LEGISLATIVE PROGRESS REPORT. -- The commission  
5 on higher education shall report its progress in developing  
6 and implementing Section 1 of this act, including projected  
7 fiscal needs of the dental health career ladder program, to  
8 the interim legislative health and human services committee  
9 before September 1, 1999.

10 Section 3. APPROPRIATION. -- Two hundred thousand dollars  
11 (\$200,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the  
12 commission on higher education for expenditure in fiscal year  
13 2000 for the purpose of developing and implementing a dental  
14 health career ladder program in New Mexico's state-supported  
15 post-secondary educational institutions. Any unexpended or  
16 unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2000  
17 shall revert to the general fund.

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7 Mr. President:

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9 Your PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to whom has been  
10 referred  
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15 has had it under consideration and reports same with  
16 recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the  
17 FINANCE COMMITTEE.

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Shannon Robinson, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 5 For 0 Against

Yes: 5

No: 0

Excused: Boitano, Ingle, Leavell, Smith

Absent: None

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8 Mr. Speaker:  
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10 Your APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE, to  
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The roll call vote was 13 For 0 Against

Yes: 13

Excused: Larrañaga, Marquardt, Salazar, Watchman

Absent: None

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