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SENATE BILL 163

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

INTRODUCED BY

Shannon Robinson

FOR THE LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION; PROVIDING VERIFICATION  
FUNCTION FOR THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION; PROVIDING FOR  
AN ANNUAL ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT; AMENDING AND REPEALING  
SECTIONS OF THE NMSA 1978.

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

Section 1. Section 21-1-26.3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1986,  
Chapter 24, Section 3) is amended to read:

"21-1-26.3. [~~AUDIT~~] VERIFICATION FUNCTION. -- The  
commission on higher education shall annually conduct special  
[~~audits~~] verifications of the institutions of higher  
education. [~~These audits~~] The verifications shall include but  
not be limited to enrollments, fund balances, compliance with  
legislation, comparison of expenditures to budgets and other  
areas to be determined by the commission. Reports on [ ~~these~~

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1 ~~audits~~] the verifications shall be made annually to the  
2 department of finance and administration and the legislative  
3 finance committee. The commission shall consider the [~~audit~~]  
4 verification findings in making its annual recommendations to  
5 the executive and legislature for higher education funding. "

6 Section 2. Section 21-1-26.7 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1990  
7 (1st S.S.), Chapter 4, Section 2) is amended to read:

8 "21-1-26.7. ANNUAL ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT [~~CARD~~]. --

9 A. The commission on higher education shall submit  
10 an annual accountability report [~~card~~] to the governor and to  
11 the legislature [~~Beginning in 1990, the annual report card~~  
12 ~~shall be published prior to November 15 and presented in a~~  
13 ~~readable format so as to easily compare the state's public,~~  
14 ~~post-secondary institutions]~~ by December 31. Prior to  
15 publication, the commission on higher education shall  
16 distribute a draft of the accountability report [~~card~~] to all  
17 public, post-secondary institutions and shall allow comment  
18 upon the draft report.

19 B. The commission on higher education in  
20 consultation with the public post-secondary educational  
21 institution shall develop and adopt the content and a format  
22 for the report [~~card. Each four-year, post-secondary~~  
23 ~~institution shall submit to the commission on higher~~  
24 ~~education]~~, including the following information:

25 [~~(1) the results of the institution's learner-~~

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1 ~~outcomes assessment program and steps taken to improve learner~~  
2 ~~outcomes;~~

3 ~~(2) the retention rate of students;~~

4 ~~(3) the percent of lower division~~  
5 ~~instructional courses taught by full professors;~~

6 ~~(4) the number of hours per student per~~  
7 ~~semester spent by faculty members in student advisement;~~

8 ~~(5) the percent of graduate and undergraduate~~  
9 ~~students participating in sponsored research programs;~~

10 ~~(6) placement data on graduates;~~

11 ~~(7) the percent change in the participation~~  
12 ~~rate of students from minority groups and other~~  
13 ~~underrepresented populations;~~

14 ~~(8) the percent of graduate students who~~  
15 ~~received undergraduate degrees at the institution, within the~~  
16 ~~state, within the United States and from other nations; and~~

17 ~~(9) the number of full-time students who have~~  
18 ~~transferred from a two-year, post-secondary institution.~~

19 C. ~~The commission on higher education shall~~  
20 ~~develop and adopt a format for the report card. Each two-~~  
21 ~~year, post-secondary institution shall submit to the~~  
22 ~~commission on higher education the following information:~~

23 ~~(1) the results of the institution's learner~~  
24 ~~outcomes assessment program and steps taken to improve learner~~  
25 ~~outcomes;~~



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7 Mr. President:

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9 Your EDUCATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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14 recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the  
15 FINANCE COMMITTEE.

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10 Yes: 6

11 No: 0

12 Excused: Adair, Duran, Gorham, Lopez

13 Absent: None

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10 Yes: 8

11 No: 0

12 Excused: Carraro, Eisenstadt, Ingle, Lyons, McKibben

13 Absent: None

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6 March 15, 1999  
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8 Mr. Speaker:  
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10 Your EDUCATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred  
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12 SENATE BILL 163, as amended  
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14 has had it under consideration and reports same with  
15 recommendation that it DO PASS.

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21 Rick Miera, Chairman  
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Yes: 14

Excused: Gonzales, Knauer

Absent: None

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