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SENATE BILL 706

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

INTRODUCED BY

Timothy Z. Jennings

AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; PROVIDING FOR A DISTANCE EDUCATION
PILOT PROJECT; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION; DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY.

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

Section 1. DISTANCE EDUCATION PILOT PROJECT--REPORT. --

A. New Mexico state university, eastern New Mexico
university and the Las Cruces and Roswell national guard shall
participate in a distance education pilot project to provide
distance education courses at the Roswell branch of eastern
New Mexico university by connecting the campuses through the
emergency access fiber-optic line of the national guard
armories. The communications division of the general services
department and other state agencies shall assist the pilot
project as requested.

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1 B. After the campuses are connected, New Mexico
2 state university shall offer students at the Roswell branch of
3 eastern New Mexico university enrollment in New Mexico state
4 university's master's of social work program and may offer
5 other courses agreed upon by the two universities.

6 C. The commission on higher education, the
7 universities and the department of military affairs shall
8 report to the legislative education study committee and other
9 appropriate interim committees on the progress of the pilot
10 project. Reports shall be made each year to the legislature
11 and the governor. The final report of the pilot project,
12 including findings and recommendations, shall be submitted to
13 the legislature and the governor by November 15, 2001.

14 Section 2. APPROPRIATION. -- Three hundred thousand
15 dollars (\$300,000) is appropriated from the general fund to
16 the commission on higher education for expenditure in fiscal
17 years 1999 through 2001 to pay the costs associated with
18 connecting the Roswell branch of eastern New Mexico university
19 and New Mexico state university through the emergency access
20 fiber-optic line of the Roswell and Las Cruces national guard
21 armories and the costs associated with providing distance
22 education courses. Money from this appropriation shall not be
23 used for administration by the commission on higher education.
24 Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of
25 fiscal year 2001 shall revert to the general fund.

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8 Mr. President:

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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, and thence referred to the
16 FINANCE COMMITTEE.

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25 Cynthia Nava, Chairman

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9 The roll call vote was 7 For 0 Against

10 Yes: 7

11 No: 0

12 Excused: Adair, Duran, Gorham

13 Absent: None

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