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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 18

45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

**PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 9, SECTION 14 OF THE
CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO BROADEN ELIGIBILITY FOR VIETNAM
VETERANS' SCHOLARSHIPS.**

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

**Section 1. It is proposed to amend Article 9, Section 14
of the constitution of New Mexico to read:**

**"Neither the state nor any county, school district or
municipality, except as otherwise provided in this
constitution, shall directly or indirectly lend or pledge its
credit or make any donation to or in aid of any person,
association or public or private corporation or in aid of any
private enterprise for the construction of any railroad;
provided:**

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1 A. nothing in this section shall be construed to
2 prohibit the state or any county or municipality from making
3 provision for the care and maintenance of sick and indigent
4 persons;

5 B. nothing in this section shall prohibit the state
6 from establishing a veterans' scholarship program for Vietnam
7 conflict veterans who are post-secondary students at
8 educational institutions under the exclusive control of the
9 state by exempting such veterans from the payment of tuition.
10 For the purposes of this subsection, a "Vietnam conflict
11 veteran" is any person who has been honorably discharged from
12 the armed forces of the United States, who was a resident of
13 New Mexico at the original time of entry into the armed forces
14 from New Mexico or who has lived in New Mexico for ten years or
15 more and who has been awarded a Vietnam campaign medal for
16 service in the armed forces of this country in Vietnam during
17 the period from August 5, 1964 to the official termination date
18 of the Vietnam conflict as designated by executive order of the
19 president of the United States;

20 C. the state may also establish by law a program of
21 loans to students of the healing arts, as defined by law, for
22 residents of the state who, in return for the payment of
23 educational expenses, contract with the state to practice their
24 profession for a period of years after graduation within areas
25 of the state designated by law; and

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1 D. nothing in this section shall be construed to
2 prohibit the state or a county or municipality from creating
3 new job opportunities by providing land, buildings or
4 infrastructure for facilities to support new or expanding
5 businesses if this assistance is granted pursuant to general
6 implementing legislation that is approved by a majority vote of
7 those elected to each house of the legislature. The
8 implementing legislation shall include adequate safeguards to
9 protect public money or other resources used for the purposes
10 authorized in this subsection. The implementing legislation
11 shall further provide that:

12 (1) each specific county or municipal project
13 providing assistance pursuant to this subsection need not be
14 approved by the legislature but shall be approved by the county
15 or municipality pursuant to procedures provided in the
16 implementing legislation; and

17 (2) each specific state project providing
18 assistance pursuant to this subsection shall be approved by
19 law. "

20 Section 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution
21 shall be submitted to the people for their approval or
22 rejection at the next general election or at any special
23 election prior to that date which may be called for that
24 purpose.