

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL 896

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PUBLIC PEACE, HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE;  
EXPANDING ELIGIBILITY FOR TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS FROM THE LOTTERY  
TUITION FUND TO DEPENDENTS OF MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES  
ARMED FORCES DOMICILED IN NEW MEXICO; AMENDING A SECTION OF THE  
NMSA 1978.

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

Section 1. Section 21-1-4.3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1996,  
Chapter 71, Section 3, as amended) is amended to read:

"21-1-4.3. TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS AUTHORIZED-- CERTAIN  
EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS. --

A. To the extent that funds are made available by  
the legislature from the lottery tuition fund, the boards of  
regents of New Mexico state university, New Mexico institute of  
mining and technology, eastern New Mexico university, western

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1 New Mexico university, the university of New Mexico, New Mexico  
2 highlands university and northern New Mexico state school shall  
3 award tuition scholarships for qualified resident students  
4 attending their respective institutions and branches of those  
5 institutions.

6 B. Except as authorized in [~~Subsection C~~]  
7 Subsections C and D of this section, the tuition scholarships  
8 authorized in this section shall:

9 (1) apply only to full-time resident students  
10 who, immediately upon completion of [a] high school [~~curriculum~~  
11 ~~at a public or accredited private New Mexico high school or~~  
12 ~~upon receiving a graduate equivalent diploma]~~ requirements, are  
13 accepted for entrance to and attend one of the state  
14 educational institutions set forth in this section or one of  
15 the branches of those institutions and have:

16 (a) completed a high school curriculum  
17 at a public New Mexico high school;

18 (b) completed a high school curriculum  
19 at an accredited private New Mexico high school;

20 (c) completed an equivalent high school  
21 curriculum at a high school and are the dependents of a person  
22 on active duty in the United States armed forces who has  
23 claimed New Mexico as his domicile for income tax purposes for  
24 the entire period that the person has been on active duty in  
25 the United States armed forces; or



1 section shall also apply to full-time resident students who:

2 (1) meet any of the requirements of  
3 Subparagraphs (a) through (d) of Paragraphs (1) of Subsection B  
4 of this section and within one hundred twenty days of  
5 completion [~~of a high school curriculum at a public or~~  
6 ~~accredited private New Mexico high school, or of receiving a~~  
7 ~~graduate equivalent diploma]~~ begin service in the United States  
8 armed forces; and

9 (2) within one hundred twenty days of  
10 completion of honorable service or medical discharge from [~~the~~]  
11 service in the United States armed forces are accepted for  
12 entrance to and attend one of the state educational  
13 institutions set forth in this section.

14 E. The commission on higher education shall prepare  
15 guidelines setting forth explicit student continuing  
16 eligibility criteria and guidelines for administration of the  
17 tuition scholarship program. Guidelines shall be distributed  
18 to the board of regents of each institution to enable a uniform  
19 availability of the resident student tuition scholarships. "

20 Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. --The effective date of the  
21 provisions of this act is July 1, 2003.