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SENATE BILL 352

47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2005

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO CONSERVATION; AMENDING A SECTION OF THE NEW MEXICO
YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS ACT TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF THE
EDUCATIONAL TUITION VOUCHER.

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

Section 1. Section 9-5B-9 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1992,
Chapter 91, Section 9, as amended) is amended to read:

"9-5B-9. EDUCATION--TRAINING.--

A. Corps members shall be encouraged to increase
their opportunities for employment by education and training.
Corps personnel shall seek cooperative agreements with
community colleges, vocational schools and other institutions
of higher learning in an effort to aid corps members in
achieving their educational goals. Corps personnel shall
provide opportunities for corps members to achieve basic

1 education, literacy and high school or equivalency diplomas.

2 B. On completion of employment, a corps member who
3 has twelve full months of employment as a corps member during a
4 period not to exceed forty-eight months and who has received
5 satisfactory evaluations throughout [~~his~~] the corps member's
6 employment is entitled to receive as additional compensation
7 five hundred dollars (\$500) or a [~~one thousand dollar (\$1,000)]~~
8 one thousand five hundred dollar (\$1,500) educational tuition
9 voucher at a New Mexico institution of higher education. The
10 educational tuition voucher is valid for two years. If the
11 corps member receives a satisfactory employment evaluation and
12 the program manager determines that the corps member's
13 employment was less than twelve months in a four-year period
14 due to circumstances beyond the corps member's control, the
15 program manager may authorize a partial compensation payment or
16 a partial educational tuition voucher to that corps member."