

SENATE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL 613

51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PUBLIC PEACE, HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE;
REQUIRING LEGISLATIVE LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS TO
COMPLETE FIFTEEN CREDIT HOURS PER SEMESTER; LIMITING
LEGISLATIVE LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIPS TO SEVEN SEMESTERS; ADDRESSING
LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM SOLVENCY; REQUIRING SCHOOL
DISTRICTS TO REIMBURSE STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION
FOR TUITION ASSOCIATED WITH REMEDIAL COURSES THAT LEGISLATIVE
LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE.

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

SECTION 1. A new section of Chapter 21 NMSA 1978 is
enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] LEGISLATIVE LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIPS--OTHER
AWARDS--FUND.--

A. Prior to June 1 of each year, the higher

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1 education department shall determine the amount of money
2 available for legislative lottery scholarships at public post-
3 secondary educational institutions based on the amount
4 appropriated by the legislature from the fund and on the
5 projected enrollment at all public post-secondary educational
6 institutions.

7 B. Except as provided in Subsection C of this
8 section, in accordance with Subsection A of this section,
9 beginning with the 2013-2014 academic year, a legislative
10 lottery scholarship shall be provided per semester by the
11 public post-secondary educational institution for a qualified
12 student up to the amount of tuition, after subtracting other
13 scholarships and grants-in-aid, not including loans, received
14 by the student, as follows:

15 (1) up to the full amount of in-district
16 resident tuition charged at community colleges; and

17 (2) a sliding scale for tuition at a state
18 educational institution based on grade point average as
19 follows:

20 (a) a grade point average of 2.5 or
21 greater but less than 3.0, sixty percent;

22 (b) a grade point average of 3.0 or
23 greater but less than 3.5, sixty-five percent; and

24 (c) a grade point average of 3.5 or
25 greater, seventy percent.

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1 C. If the balance in the lottery tuition fund is
2 not sufficient to pay legislative lottery scholarships for all
3 qualified students at the levels specified in Subsection B of
4 this section, the higher education department may reduce the
5 scholarship amounts.

6 D. If the balance in the lottery tuition fund is
7 sufficient, the higher education department may increase the
8 scholarship amounts in proportions equal to the proportions
9 provided in Subsection B of this section."

10 SECTION 2. Section 21-1-4.3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1996,
11 Chapter 71, Section 3, as amended) is amended to read:

12 "21-1-4.3. LEGISLATIVE LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIPS AUTHORIZED--
13 CERTAIN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.--

14 A. To the extent that funds are made available by
15 the legislature from the lottery tuition fund, the boards of
16 regents of New Mexico state university, New Mexico institute of
17 mining and technology, eastern New Mexico university, western
18 New Mexico university, the university of New Mexico, New Mexico
19 highlands university and northern New Mexico college shall
20 award legislative lottery scholarships for tuition for
21 qualified resident students attending their respective
22 institutions and branches of those institutions.

23 B. Except as otherwise authorized in this section,
24 the legislative lottery scholarships authorized in this section
25 shall apply only to full-time resident students who,

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1 immediately upon completion of a high school curriculum at a
2 public or accredited private New Mexico high school or upon
3 receiving a graduate equivalent diploma, are accepted for
4 entrance to and attend one of the state educational
5 institutions set forth in this section or one of the branches
6 of those institutions. Each legislative lottery scholarship
7 shall be awarded for up to [~~four~~] seven consecutive [~~years~~]
8 semesters beginning the second semester of the recipient's
9 first year of enrollment if the recipient has maintained
10 residency in New Mexico and maintained a grade point average of
11 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale during the first semester of full-
12 time enrollment.

13 C. The legislative lottery scholarships authorized
14 in this section shall also apply to full-time resident students
15 who, immediately upon completion of a high school curriculum at
16 a public or accredited private New Mexico high school or upon
17 receiving a graduate equivalent diploma, attend a two-year
18 public post-secondary educational institution in New Mexico and
19 who, upon the completion of that curriculum or at the end of
20 two years, whichever is sooner, transfer to one of the post-
21 secondary state educational institutions set forth in this
22 section. Those students shall be eligible for a legislative
23 lottery scholarship for two consecutive years if they maintain
24 residency in New Mexico, maintain a grade point average of 2.5
25 or higher on a 4.0 scale and attend the institution full time

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1 during the regular academic year.

2 D. The legislative lottery scholarships authorized
3 in this section shall also apply to full-time resident students
4 who:

5 (1) within one hundred twenty days of
6 completion of a high school curriculum at a public or
7 accredited private New Mexico high school, or of receiving a
8 graduate equivalent diploma, begin service in the United States
9 armed forces; and

10 (2) within one year of completion of honorable
11 service or medical discharge from the service, attend one of
12 the state educational institutions set forth in this section.

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

20 F. Except for remedial courses taken during a
21 recipient's first semester attending an institution listed in
22 Subsection A of this section, a school district shall reimburse
23 an institution listed in Subsection A of this section for the
24 cost of tuition associated with required remedial courses
25 completed by a recipient who graduated from a high school

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