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AN ACT

RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION; AMENDING SECTIONS OF THE SENIOR  
CITIZENS REDUCED TUITION ACT TO PROVIDE FOR GREATER ACCESS TO  
REDUCED TUITION.

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

SECTION 1. Section 21-21D-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1984,  
Chapter 96, Section 3) is amended to read:

"21-21D-3. DEFINITIONS.--As used in the Senior Citizens  
Reduced Tuition Act:

A. "department" means the higher education  
department;

B. "eligible institution" means any New Mexico  
post-secondary degree-granting educational institution;

C. "reduced tuition" means that tuition charged  
senior citizens at the rate of five dollars (\$5.00) per  
credit hour, up to ten hours per semester; and

D. "senior citizen" means a person age sixty-five  
or older."

SECTION 2. Section 21-21D-4 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1984,  
Chapter 96, Section 4) is amended to read:

"21-21D-4. CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY.--

A. Reduced tuition shall be allowed for any  
individual who:

(1) is a resident of New Mexico as

1 determined by the definition of residency for tuition  
2 purposes as established by the department;

3 (2) is a senior citizen;

4 (3) pays any course-specific fees charged  
5 for a course;

6 (4) enrolls at an eligible institution for  
7 credit or noncredit courses; and

8 (5) has completed all course prerequisites.

9 B. The department shall not restrict, as a  
10 condition of eligibility for reduced tuition, the number of  
11 credit hours per semester for which an individual may enroll.  
12 Regardless of the amount of credits for which an individual  
13 enrolls during a semester, the department shall provide  
14 reduced tuition to any individual who meets the requirements  
15 of Subsection A of this section by allowing that individual  
16 to receive a maximum of ten credits at the reduced tuition  
17 rate of five dollars (\$5.00) for each of those ten credits."

18 **SECTION 3.** Section 21-21D-5 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1984,  
19 Chapter 96, Section 5, as amended) is amended to read:

20 "21-21D-5. RULES.--The department may adopt rules and  
21 procedures as necessary or appropriate to implement the  
22 provisions of the Senior Citizens Reduced Tuition Act;  
23 provided that senior citizens enrolled at reduced tuition  
24 shall be allowed to enroll in classes only on a space-  
25 available basis and that no full-time equivalent credit shall

