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HOUSE BILL 93

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

INTRODUCED BY

J. PAUL TAYLOR

FOR THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A
STUDENT TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM; CREATING A FUND; MAKING AN
APPROPRIATION.

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

Section 1. SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ESTABLISHED. - -

A. In order to encourage individuals to enter the
teaching profession and to retain teachers in New Mexico, the
commission on higher education shall promulgate regulations to
establish and administer a student teacher scholarship program.

B. In establishing the program, the commission on
higher education shall:

(1) develop standardized methods to identify
eligible student teachers and to distribute money to accredited
teacher training institutions;

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1 (2) verify that recipients are employed as
2 full-time teachers in a public school setting for at least one
3 year after completion of student teaching;

4 (3) develop criteria for selection of
5 scholarship recipients, which shall include academic
6 performance, campus involvement, letters of recommendation and
7 personal commitment to the teaching profession;

8 (4) pay full tuition for recipients for the
9 semester in which they are student teaching; and

10 (5) ensure that recipients comply with all
11 regulations adopted by the commission for the scholarship
12 program.

13 Section 2. SCHOLARSHIP FUND CREATED. --The "student teacher
14 scholarship fund" is created in the state treasury. Money in
15 the fund shall not revert at the end of a fiscal year. Money
16 appropriated to the fund or accruing to it through gifts,
17 grants, bequests and devices shall be deposited in the fund.
18 The fund shall be invested as other state funds are invested.
19 Money in the fund is appropriated to the commission on higher
20 education to carry out the purposes of Section 1 of this act.
21 Disbursements from the fund shall be made upon warrants drawn by
22 the secretary of finance and administration pursuant to vouchers
23 signed by the executive director of the commission on higher
24 education or his designee. The commission shall use no more
25 than three percent of the money in the fund for administration.

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1 The remaining money in the fund shall be used to carry out the
2 provisions of Section 1 of this act.

3 Section 3. APPROPRIATION. --Two hundred fifty thousand
4 dollars (\$250,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
5 commission on higher education for the student teacher
6 scholarship fund for expenditure in fiscal year 1998 to carry
7 out the provisions of Section 1 of this act. Any unexpended or
8 unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 1998
9 shall not revert to the general fund.

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State of New Mexico House of Representatives

**FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION, 1997**

February 7, 1997

Mr. Speaker:

Your EDUCATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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**has had it under consideration and reports same with
recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the
APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

Respectfully submitted,

Samuel F. Vigil, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 8 For 2 Against

Yes: 8

No: Mallory, Weeks

Excused: McSherry, Miera, Nicely

Absent: None

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