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HOUSE BILL 23

44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999

INTRODUCED BY

Leo C. Watchman Jr.

FOR THE INDIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION; INCLUDING TRIBAL AND FEDERAL INDIAN POST-SECONDARY SCHOOLS AS BENEFICIARY INSTITUTIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING LOTTERY TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS; CLARIFYING TRANSFER PROVISIONS.

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) 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 governing boards of [~~regents of New Mexico state university, New Mexico institute of mining and technology, eastern New Mexico university, western New Mexico university, the university of~~

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1 ~~New Mexico, New Mexico highlands university and northern New~~
2 ~~Mexico state school]~~ four-year or two-year post-secondary
3 educational institutions shall award tuition scholarships for
4 qualified resident students attending their respective
5 institutions [~~and branches of those institutions~~].

6 B. Except as authorized in Subsection C of this
7 section, the tuition scholarships authorized in this section
8 shall apply only to full-time resident students who,
9 immediately upon completion of a high school curriculum at a
10 public or accredited private New Mexico high school or upon
11 receiving a graduate equivalent diploma, are accepted for
12 entrance to and attend [~~one of the state educational~~
13 ~~institutions set forth in this section or one of the branches~~
14 ~~of those institutions]~~ a four-year post-secondary educational
15 institution. Each tuition scholarship shall be awarded for up
16 to four consecutive years beginning the second semester of the
17 recipient's first year of enrollment, provided that the
18 recipient has maintained residency in New Mexico and
19 maintained a grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0
20 scale during his first semester of full-time enrollment.

21 C. The tuition scholarships authorized in this
22 section shall also apply to full-time resident students who,
23 immediately upon completion of a high school curriculum at a
24 public or accredited private New Mexico high school or upon
25 receiving a graduate equivalent diploma, attend a two-year

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1 [public] post-secondary educational institution [in New
2 Mexico] and who, upon the completion of that curriculum or at
3 the end of two years, whichever is sooner, transfer to [one of
4 the] a four-year post-secondary [state] educational
5 [institutions set forth in this section] institution. Those
6 students shall be eligible for a tuition scholarship for two
7 consecutive years while attending a two-year post-secondary
8 educational institution and an additional two consecutive
9 years while attending a four-year post-secondary educational
10 institution, provided that those students maintain residency
11 in New Mexico, maintain a grade-point average of 2.5 or higher
12 on a 4.0 scale and attend the institution full time during the
13 regular academic year.

14 D. The commission on higher education shall
15 prepare 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 governing board [of regents] of each institution to
19 enable a uniform availability of the [resident student]
20 tuition scholarships.

21 E. As used in this section:
22 (1) "four-year post-secondary educational
23 institution" means New Mexico state university, New Mexico
24 institute of mining and technology, eastern New Mexico
25 university, western New Mexico university, the university of

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1 New Mexico, New Mexico highlands university, any of their
2 branches or any New Mexico branch of a four-year college
3 created by an Indian nation, tribe or pueblo or by the federal
4 government and accredited by the north central accrediting
5 association; and

6 (2) "two-year post-secondary educational
7 institution" means a two-year public post-secondary
8 educational institution located in New Mexico or a New Mexico
9 campus of a two-year post-secondary educational institution
10 created by an Indian nation, tribe or pueblo or by the federal
11 government and accredited by the north central accrediting
12 association. "

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8 Mr. Speaker:

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10 Your EDUCATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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

17 Respectfully submitted,

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9 The roll call vote was 9 For 6 Against

10 Yes: 9

11 No: Blanton, Burpo, Dana, Hamilton, Macko, Williams

12 Absent: Marquardt

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The roll call vote was 11 For 0 Against

Yes: 11

Excused: Buffett, Garcia, M H., Larrañaga, Salazar, Townsend, Wallace

Absent: None

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Mr. President:

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
FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Nava, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 7 For 0 Against

Yes: 7

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Excused: Boitano, Garcia, Lopez

Absent: None

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March 19, 1999

Mr. President:

Your FINANCE COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same WITHOUT
RECOMMENDATION.

Respectfully submitted,

Ben D. Altamirano, Chairman

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Absent: None

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