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HOUSE BILL 259

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

INTRODUCED BY

Ben Lujan

AN ACT

RELATING TO LOTTERY TUITION FUND SCHOLARSHIPS; PROVIDING THAT CERTAIN STUDENTS MAY QUALIFY IF THEY ARE DEPENDENTS OF NEW MEXICANS ENGAGED IN ACTIVE DUTY IN THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES.

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 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 New Mexico,

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1 New Mexico highlands university and northern New Mexico state
2 school shall award tuition scholarships for qualified resident
3 students attending their respective institutions and branches
4 of those institutions.

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

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

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

9 D. The tuition scholarships authorized in this
10 section shall also apply to a student who would not qualify
11 for a scholarship under Subsection B or C of this section
12 solely because the student completed a high school curriculum
13 at a high school located outside of New Mexico if:

14 (1) while in high school the student was a
15 dependent of an individual engaged in active duty in the
16 United States armed forces; and

17 (2) the individual engaged in active duty was
18 a resident of New Mexico immediately before entering the
19 United States armed forces, entered military duty in New
20 Mexico, paid New Mexico personal income taxes while engaged in
21 active duty, and was absent from New Mexico because of the
22 active duty in the United States armed forces.

23 ~~[D.]~~ E. The commission on higher education shall
24 prepare guidelines setting forth explicit student continuing
25 eligibility criteria and guidelines for administration of the

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1 tuition scholarship program. Guidelines shall be distributed
2 to the board of regents of each institution to enable a
3 uniform availability of the resident student tuition
4 scholarships. "

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8 Mr. Speaker:

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10 Your EDUCATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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12 HOUSE BILL 259

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14 has had it under consideration and reports same with
15 recommendation that it DO PASS, amended as follows:

16 1. On page 1, line 14, after "FORCES" insert "; DECLARING
17 AN EMERGENCY".

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19 2. On page 4, line 5, insert "Section 2. EMERGENCY.--It
20 is necessary for the public peace, health and safety that this
21 act take effect immediately.".,

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23 and thence referred to the APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE
24 COMMITTEE.

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Respectfully submitted,

Rick Miera, Chairman

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Not Adopted _____

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Date _____

The roll call vote was 14 For 0 Against

Yes: 14

Excused: Dana

Absent: Marquardt

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7 Mr. Speaker:

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9 Your APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE, to
10 whom has been referred

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14 recommendation that it DO PASS.

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Date _____

The roll call vote was 10 For 0 Against

Yes: 10

Excused: Garcia, MH, Heaton, Parsons, Pearce, Picraux, Townsend,
Varela

Absent: None

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Mr. President:

Your EDUCATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

HOUSE BILL 259, as amended

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 6 For 0 Against

Yes: 6

No: 0

Excused: Garcia, Jennings, Lopez, Rodriguez

Absent: None

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March 15, 1999

Mr. President:

Your FINANCE COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

HOUSE BILL 259, as amended

has had it under consideration and reports same with
recommendation that it DO PASS.

Respectfully submitted,

Ben D. Altamirano, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 8 For 0 Against

Yes: 8

No: 0

Excused: Campos, Ingle, McKibben, Smith, Tsosie

Absent: None

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