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HOUSE BILL 736

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

INTRODUCED BY

Judy Vanderstar Russell

AN ACT

RELATING TO LOTTERY TUITION FUND SCHOLARSHIPS; EXTENDING
SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY TO CERTAIN ARMED FORCES VETERANS.

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,
New Mexico highlands university and northern New Mexico state
school shall award tuition scholarships for qualified resident

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1 students attending their respective institutions and branches
2 of those institutions.

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

17 C. The tuition scholarships authorized in this
18 section shall also apply to full-time resident students who,
19 immediately upon completion of a high school curriculum at a
20 public or accredited private New Mexico high school or upon
21 receiving a graduate equivalent diploma, attend a two-year
22 public post-secondary educational institution in New Mexico
23 and who, upon the completion of that curriculum or at the end
24 of two years, whichever is sooner, transfer to one of the
25 post-secondary state educational institutions set forth in

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1 this section. Those students shall be eligible for a tuition
2 scholarship for two consecutive years, provided that those
3 students maintain residency in New Mexico, maintain a grade
4 point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale and attend the
5 institution full time during the regular academic year.

6 D. The tuition scholarships authorized in this
7 section shall also apply to full-time resident students who:

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

13 (2) within one hundred twenty days of
14 completion of honorable service or medical discharge from the
15 service are accepted for entrance to and attend one of the
16 state educational institutions set forth in this section.

17 ~~[D.]~~ E. The commission on higher education shall
18 prepare guidelines setting forth explicit student continuing
19 eligibility criteria and guidelines for administration of the
20 tuition scholarship program. Guidelines shall be distributed
21 to the board of regents of each institution to enable a
22 uniform availability of the resident student tuition
23 scholarships. "

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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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Absent: None

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