

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 20

**44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION,  
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A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 9, SECTION 14 OF THE  
CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO ALLOW THE LEGISLATURE TO  
ESTABLISH A PROGRAM OF LOANS TO TEACHERS UNDER CERTAIN  
CONDITIONS.

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

Section 1. It is proposed to amend Article 9, Section  
14 of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

"Neither the state nor any county, school district or  
municipality, except as otherwise provided in this  
constitution, shall directly or indirectly lend or pledge its  
credit or make any donation to or in aid of any person,  
association or public or private corporation or in aid of any  
private enterprise for the construction of any railroad;  
provided:

A. nothing in this section shall be construed to

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1 prohibit the state or any county or municipality from making  
2 provision for the care and maintenance of sick and indigent  
3 persons;

4 B. nothing in this section shall prohibit the  
5 state from establishing a veterans' scholarship program for  
6 Vietnam conflict veterans who are post-secondary students at  
7 educational institutions under the exclusive control of the  
8 state by exempting such veterans from the payment of tuition.  
9 For the purposes of this subsection, a "Vietnam conflict  
10 veteran" is any person who has been honorably discharged from  
11 the armed forces of the United States, who was a resident of  
12 New Mexico at the original time of entry into the armed  
13 forces from New Mexico and who has been awarded a Vietnam  
14 campaign medal for service in the armed forces of this  
15 country in Vietnam during the period from August 5, 1964 to  
16 the official termination date of the Vietnam conflict as  
17 designated by executive order of the president of the United  
18 States;

19 C. the state may also establish by law a program  
20 of loans to students of the healing arts and teachers, as  
21 defined by law, for residents of the state who, in return for  
22 the payment of educational expenses, contract with the state  
23 to practice their profession for a period of years after  
24 graduation within areas of the state designated by law; and  
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D. nothing in this section shall be construed to  
prohibit the state or a county or municipality from creating  
new job opportunities by providing land, buildings or

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1 infrastructure for facilities to support new or expanding  
2 businesses if this assistance is granted pursuant to general  
3 implementing legislation that is approved by a majority vote  
4 of those elected to each house of the legislature. The  
5 implementing legislation shall include adequate safeguards to  
6 protect public money or other resources used for the purposes  
7 authorized in this subsection. The implementing legislation  
8 shall further provide that:

9 (1) each specific county or municipal  
10 project providing assistance pursuant to this subsection need  
11 not be approved by the legislature but shall be approved by  
12 the county or municipality pursuant to procedures provided in  
13 the implementing legislation; and

14 (2) each specific state project providing  
15 assistance pursuant to this subsection shall be approved by  
16 law."

17 Section 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution  
18 shall be submitted to the people for their approval or  
19 rejection at the next general election or at any special  
20 election prior to that date which may be called for that  
21 purpose.