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**HOUSE BILL 906**

**45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001**

**INTRODUCED BY**

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**AN ACT**

**RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION; REQUIRING THE TUITION CREDIT FOR  
ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS TO REFLECT ACTUAL TUITION INCREASES;  
AMENDING A SECTION OF THE NMSA 1978.**

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

**Section 1. Section 21-1-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1970,  
Chapter 9, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:**

**"21-1-2. MATRICULATION AND TUITION FEES. --**

**A. Except as otherwise provided in this section  
and in Section 21-1-4.3 NMSA 1978, the boards of regents of  
the university of New Mexico, New Mexico state university, New  
Mexico highlands university, western New Mexico university,  
eastern New Mexico university, New Mexico military institute,  
New Mexico institute of mining and technology and New Mexico  
junior college shall establish and charge matriculation fees**

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1 and tuition fees as follows:

2 (1) each student shall be charged a  
3 matriculation fee of not less than five dollars (\$5.00) upon  
4 enrolling in each institution;

5 (2) each student who is a resident of New  
6 Mexico shall be charged a tuition fee of not less than twenty  
7 dollars (\$20.00) a year;

8 (3) each student who is not a resident of New  
9 Mexico shall be charged a tuition fee of not less than fifty  
10 dollars (\$50.00) a year;

11 (4) each student shall be charged a tuition  
12 fee of not less than ten dollars (\$10.00) for each summer  
13 session; and

14 (5) each student may be charged a tuition fee  
15 for extension courses.

16 B. Except as otherwise provided in this section  
17 and in Section 21-1-4.3 NMSA 1978, the board of regents of  
18 northern New Mexico state school shall establish and charge  
19 each student a matriculation fee and a tuition fee.

20 C. The board of regents of each institution may  
21 establish and grant gratis scholarships to students who are  
22 residents of New Mexico in an amount not to exceed the  
23 matriculation fee or tuition and fees, or both. These  
24 scholarships are in addition to the lottery tuition  
25 scholarships authorized in Section 21-1-4.3 NMSA 1978 and

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1 shall be granted to the full extent of available funds before  
2 lottery tuition scholarships are granted. The number of  
3 scholarships established and granted pursuant to this  
4 subsection shall not exceed three percent of the preceding  
5 fall semester enrollment in each institution and shall not be  
6 established and granted for summer sessions. The president of  
7 each institution shall select and recommend to the board of  
8 regents of his institution, as recipients of scholarships,  
9 students who possess good moral character and satisfactory  
10 initiative, scholastic standing and personality. At least  
11 thirty-three and one-third percent of the gratis scholarships  
12 established and granted by each board of regents each year  
13 shall be granted on the basis of financial need.

14 D. The board of regents of each institution set  
15 out in this subsection may establish and grant, in addition to  
16 those scholarships provided for in Subsection C of this  
17 section, athletic scholarships for tuition and fees. In no  
18 event shall the board of regents of any institution be allowed  
19 to award scholarships for tuition and fees for more than the  
20 number of athletic scholarships set out in this subsection and  
21 in no event shall more than seventy-five percent of the  
22 scholarships granted be for out-of-state residents:

23 (1) the board of regents of the university of  
24 New Mexico may grant up to two hundred ninety-three athletic  
25 scholarships;

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1 (2) the board of regents of New Mexico state  
2 university may grant up to two hundred seventy athletic  
3 scholarships;

4 (3) the boards of regents of New Mexico  
5 highlands university, eastern New Mexico university and  
6 western New Mexico university may each grant up to one hundred  
7 forty athletic scholarships; and

8 (4) the board of regents of New Mexico junior  
9 college may grant up to fifty-two athletic scholarships.

10 E. In establishing the budget for any fiscal year  
11 for the institutions set out in Subsection D of this section,  
12 the commission on higher education shall increase the tuition  
13 credit for athletic scholarships by the same percentage that  
14 the board of regents of the institution has increased tuition  
15 and fees for that fiscal year.

16 [~~E.~~] F. In the event that the number of athletic  
17 scholarships exceeds the number of athletic scholarships  
18 permitted that institution by regulations and bylaws of the  
19 national collegiate athletic association or the national  
20 association of intercollegiate athletics of which that  
21 institution is a member, the appropriate board of regents  
22 shall reduce the number of authorized tuition scholarships to  
23 comply with association rules and regulations.

24 [~~F.~~] G. Matriculation fees and tuition fees shall  
25 be fixed and made payable as directed by the board of regents

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1 of each institution, collected by the officers of each  
2 institution and accounted for as are other funds of the  
3 institutions. Matriculation fees shall be charged only once  
4 for each institution in which a student enrolls. "

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