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HOUSE BILL 351

45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2002

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AN ACT

RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION; ESTABLISHING BASIC RIGHTS FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN A PUBLIC, POST-SECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION; ENACTING A NEW SECTION OF CHAPTER 21, ARTICLE 1 NMSA 1978.

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

Section 1. A new section of Chapter 21, Article 1 NMSA 1978 is enacted to read:

"~~[NEW MATERIAL]~~ BASIC RIGHTS FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN A PUBLIC, POST-SECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION. -- Students enrolled in a public, post-secondary educational institution shall have the following basic rights:

A. students shall have the right to work diligently toward graduation and shall not be kept from graduating in a timely manner because an institution fails to

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1 provide a scheduled class;

2 B. student fees collected by an institution shall  
3 not be spent by the institution without the consent of the  
4 student governing body for that institution;

5 C. students shall be provided with adequate notice  
6 of all meetings that concern policies at an institution;

7 D. students shall have a student representative on  
8 all committees that impact policies at an institution; and

9 E. an institution shall not discriminate against  
10 students on the basis of race, ethnicity, gender, religion,  
11 age or sexual orientation. "