

1 SENATE BILL 206

2 **51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2014**

3 INTRODUCED BY

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION; PROVIDING FOR THE WAIVER OF
12 TUITION AND FEES AT PUBLIC POST-SECONDARY EDUCATIONAL
13 INSTITUTIONS FOR STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN IN THE FOSTER CARE
14 SYSTEM.

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

17 SECTION 1. A new section of Chapter 21 NMSA 1978 is
18 enacted to read:

19 "[NEW MATERIAL] FOSTER CHILD TUITION AND FEE WAIVER
20 ELIGIBILITY--NOTIFICATION.--

21 A. The state educational institutions set forth in
22 Article 12, Section 11 of the constitution of New Mexico and
23 their branches, community colleges as provided in Chapter 21,
24 Article 13 NMSA 1978 and technical and vocational institutes as
25 provided in Chapter 21, Article 16 NMSA 1978 shall not charge

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1 tuition or fees pursuant to Section 21-1-4 NMSA 1978 to a
2 student:

3 (1) for whom the children, youth and families
4 department provides certification that the student was in the
5 legal custody of the children, youth and families department
6 pursuant to the Children's Code:

7 (a) on the day preceding the student's
8 eighteenth birthday;

9 (b) on or after the day of the student's
10 fourteenth birthday and the student's parents' rights were
11 relinquished or terminated at that time; or

12 (c) on the day the student graduated
13 from a high school in the state or received a high school
14 equivalency certificate in the state; and

15 (2) who enrolls in one of the state
16 educational institutions set forth in Article 12, Section 11 of
17 the constitution of New Mexico and their branches, community
18 colleges as provided in Chapter 21, Article 13 NMSA 1978 and
19 technical and vocational institutes as provided in Chapter 21,
20 Article 16 NMSA 1978 no later than the day of the student's
21 twenty-fifth birthday.

22 B. The higher education department shall
23 collaborate with the children, youth and families department to
24 ensure that middle school and high school students who are or
25 have been in the legal custody of the children, youth and

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