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AN ACT

RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION; REMAKING NEW MEXICO STATE  
UNIVERSITY CARLSBAD BRANCH COMMUNITY COLLEGE INTO AN  
INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

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

SECTION 1. A new section of the Community College Act  
is enacted to read:

"CREATION OF SOUTHEAST NEW MEXICO COLLEGE--NAME CHANGE--  
GOVERNING BOARD.--

A. New Mexico state university Carlsbad shall be  
made into an independent community college known as  
"southeast New Mexico college" and shall be organized as  
provided in Chapter 21, Article 13 NMSA 1978.

B. The governing board of southeast New Mexico  
college shall be created and function as provided in the  
Community College Act. The governing board of southeast New  
Mexico college shall be created by a regular local election  
from each of the five districts within the Carlsbad municipal  
school district and called for by the Carlsbad municipal  
school board, and the governing board shall function as  
provided for in the Community College Act.

C. All taxes levied to pay any principal and  
interest on bonds of New Mexico state university Carlsbad for  
operating, maintaining and providing facilities shall

1 continue in effect until dissolution pursuant to procedures  
2 set forth in Chapter 21, Article 13 NMSA 1978."

3 SECTION 2. A new section of the Community College Act  
4 is enacted to read:

5 "TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS, PERSONNEL, PROPERTY, CONTRACTS  
6 AND REFERENCES IN LAW.--On April 10, 2022:

7 A. all functions, personnel, appropriations,  
8 money, records, equipment, supplies, grants, real and other  
9 property of the board of regents of New Mexico state  
10 university located or held in Carlsbad or used to support  
11 operations of New Mexico state university Carlsbad, except  
12 those pertaining to the Carlsbad environmental monitoring and  
13 research center, shall be transferred to southeast New Mexico  
14 college;

15 B. all contracts of the board of regents of New  
16 Mexico state university regarding New Mexico state university  
17 Carlsbad, except those pertaining to the Carlsbad  
18 environmental monitoring and research center, shall be  
19 binding and effective on the governing board of southeast New  
20 Mexico college;

21 C. all references in law to the board of regents  
22 of New Mexico state university regarding New Mexico state  
23 university Carlsbad, except those regarding the Carlsbad  
24 environmental monitoring and research center, shall be deemed  
25 to be references to the governing board of southeast New

1 Mexico college; and

2 D. all references in law to New Mexico state  
3 university Carlsbad shall be construed to be references to  
4 southeast New Mexico college."

5 SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.--

6 A. The effective date of the provisions of Section  
7 1 of this act is July 1, 2021.

8 B. The effective date of the provisions of Section  
9 2 of this act is April 10, 2022.

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