

1 HOUSE BILL 145

2 **56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2023**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO EDUCATION; AMENDING THE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION AND
12 CRITERIA OF THE GENERAL RICHARD T. KNOWLES LEGISLATIVE
13 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AT THE NEW MEXICO MILITARY INSTITUTE.

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

16 SECTION 1. Section 21-12-12 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1989,
17 Chapter 44, Section 2 and Laws 1989, Chapter 45, Section 2, as
18 amended) is amended to read:

19 "21-12-12. PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION--CRITERIA.--

20 A. The General Richard T. Knowles legislative
21 scholarship program shall be administered by the board of
22 regents of the New Mexico military institute. The board of
23 regents shall establish one hundred twelve scholarships
24 available to New Mexico residents, one scholarship available
25 for each state legislative district.

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1 B. Annually, each state legislator may nominate
2 four prospective scholarship recipients to the board of regents
3 of the New Mexico military institute. If a legislator has no
4 applicant from the legislator's district, that senator or
5 representative may choose to nominate an applicant from a
6 senate or representative district contiguous to the
7 legislator's own district, thus maintaining geographical
8 diversity in the corps of cadets while affording a greater
9 opportunity for more New Mexicans to receive a scholarship. In
10 the event no applicant is available [~~by July 1 of each year~~]
11 from either the legislator's district or a contiguous district,
12 the scholarship may be awarded to any of the qualified nominees
13 from any state legislative district.

14 ~~[C. Scholarships shall be awarded to qualifying New~~
15 ~~Mexico residents for a term not to exceed four years.~~

16 ~~D.]~~ C. The board of regents shall establish
17 criteria for the awarding of scholarships. Criteria shall
18 include scholastic ability, faculty recommendations,
19 standardized test scores, letters of recommendation, school
20 honors and extracurricular activities."