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AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

B. Annually, each state legislator may nominate
four prospective scholarship recipients to the board of
regents of the New Mexico military institute. If a
legislator has no applicant from the legislator's district,
that senator or representative may choose to nominate an
applicant from a senate or representative district contiguous
to the legislator's own district, thus maintaining
geographical diversity in the corps of cadets while affording
a greater opportunity for more New Mexicans to receive a

1 scholarship. In the event no applicant is available from
2 either the legislator's district or a contiguous district,
3 the scholarship may be awarded to any of the qualified
4 nominees from any state legislative district.

5 C. The board of regents shall establish criteria
6 for the awarding of scholarships. Criteria shall include
7 scholastic ability, faculty recommendations, standardized test
8 scores, letters of recommendation, school honors and
9 extracurricular activities." _____

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