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SENATE BILL 355

42ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1996

INTRODUCED BY

ELIZABETH T. STEFANICS

AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A
STUDENT TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM; CREATING A FUND; MAKING AN
APPROPRIATION.

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

Section 1. SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ESTABLISHED. --

A. In order to encourage individuals to enter the
teaching profession and to remain teachers in New Mexico, the
commission on higher education shall promulgate regulations to
establish and administer a student teacher scholarship program.

B. In establishing the program, the commission on
higher education shall:

(1) develop standardized methods to identify
eligible student teachers and to distribute money to accredited
teacher training institutions;

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1 (2) verify that recipients are employed as
2 full-time teachers in a public school setting in New Mexico for
3 at least one year after completion of student teaching;

4 (3) develop criteria for selection of
5 scholarship recipients, which shall include academic
6 performance, campus involvement, letters of recommendation and
7 personal commitment to the teaching profession;

8 (4) pay full tuition for recipients for the
9 semester in which they are student teaching; and

10 (5) ensure recipients comply with all
11 regulations adopted by the commission for the scholarship
12 program.

13 Section 2. FUND CREATED.-- The "student teacher
14 scholarship fund" is created in the state treasury. Money in
15 the fund shall not revert at the end of any fiscal year. Money
16 appropriated to the fund or accruing to it through gifts, grants
17 or bequests shall be deposited in the fund. The fund shall be
18 invested as other state funds are invested. Disbursements from
19 the fund shall be made upon warrants drawn by the secretary of
20 finance and administration pursuant to vouchers signed by the
21 executive director of the commission on higher education or his
22 designee. Money in the fund, other than that amount used for
23 administration by the commission on higher education, shall be
24 used to carry out the provisions of Section 1 of this act.

25 Section 3. APPROPRIATION.--Two hundred fifty thousand

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1 dollars (\$250,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
2 student teacher scholarship fund for expenditure in fiscal year
3 1997 to carry out the provisions of Section 1 of this act. Any
4 unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of
5 fiscal year 1997 shall remain in the student teacher scholarship
6 fund.

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7 Mr. Presi dent:
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13 has had it under consideration and finds same to be GERMANE, PURSUANT
14 TO CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS, and thence referred to the EDUCATION
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The roll call vote was 7 For 0 Against

Yes: 7

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Excused: Benavides, Duran, Scott

Absent: None

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