

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 19

**44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION,  
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A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 9, SECTION 14 OF THE  
CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO BROADEN ELIGIBILITY FOR VIETNAM  
VETERANS' SCHOLARSHIPS.

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

Section 1. It is proposed to amend Article 9, Section  
14 of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

"Neither the state nor any county, school district or  
municipality, except as otherwise provided in this  
constitution, shall directly or indirectly lend or pledge its  
credit or make any donation to or in aid of any person,  
association or public or private corporation or in aid of any  
private enterprise for the construction of any railroad;  
provided:

A. nothing in this section shall be construed to  
prohibit the state or any county or municipality from making

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1 provision for the care and maintenance of sick and indigent  
2 persons;

3 B. nothing in this section shall prohibit the  
4 state from establishing a veterans' scholarship program for  
5 Vietnam conflict veterans who are post-secondary students at  
6 educational institutions under the exclusive control of the  
7 state by exempting such veterans from the payment of tuition.  
8 For the purposes of this subsection, a "Vietnam conflict  
9 veteran" is any person who has been honorably discharged from  
10 the armed forces of the United States, who was a resident of  
11 New Mexico at the original time of entry into the armed  
12 forces from New Mexico or who has lived in New Mexico for ten  
13 years or more and who has been awarded a Vietnam campaign  
14 medal for service in the armed forces of this country in  
15 Vietnam during the period from August 5, 1964 to the official  
16 termination date of the Vietnam conflict as designated by  
17 executive order of the president of the United States;

18 C. the state may also establish by law a program  
19 of loans to students of the healing arts, as defined by law,  
20 for residents of the state who, in return for the payment of  
21 educational expenses, contract with the state to practice  
22 their profession for a period of years after graduation  
23 within areas of the state designated by law; and

24 D. nothing in this section shall be construed to  
25 prohibit the state or a county or municipality from creating  
new job opportunities by providing land, buildings or  
infrastructure for facilities to support new or expanding

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1 businesses if this assistance is granted pursuant to general  
2 implementing legislation that is approved by a majority vote  
3 of those elected to each house of the legislature. The  
4 implementing legislation shall include adequate safeguards to  
5 protect public money or other resources used for the purposes  
6 authorized in this subsection. The implementing legislation  
7 shall further provide that:

8 (1) each specific county or municipal  
9 project providing assistance pursuant to this subsection need  
10 not be approved by the legislature but shall be approved by  
11 the county or municipality pursuant to procedures provided in  
12 the implementing legislation; and

13 (2) each specific state project providing  
14 assistance pursuant to this subsection shall be approved by  
15 law."

16 Section 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution  
17 shall be submitted to the people for their approval or  
18 rejection at the next general election or at any special  
19 election prior to that date which may be called for that  
20 purpose.