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**HOUSE BILL 137**

**45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001**

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**FOR THE EDUCATION INITIATIVES AND ACCOUNTABILITY TASK FORCE**

**AN ACT**

**RELATING TO BOARDS OF REGENTS; REQUIRING MEMBERS TO BE  
TRAINED.**

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

**Section 1. Section 21-1-26 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1951,  
Chapter 190, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:**

**"21-1-26. COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION CREATED--  
POWERS. --**

**A. There is created a "commission on higher  
education" whose function is to deal with the problems of  
finance of those educational institutions designated in  
Article 12, Section 11 of the constitution of New Mexico. The  
commission shall:**

**(1) be concerned with the adequate financing  
of these institutions and with the equitable distribution of**

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1 available funds among them;

2 (2) be authorized to receive funding for the  
3 in-plant development training program and to administer the  
4 funds in accordance with the provisions of Section 21-19-7  
5 NMSA 1978;

6 (3) receive, adjust and approve the budgets  
7 submitted by these institutions prior to the submission of  
8 these budgets to the state budget division of the department  
9 of finance and administration;

10 (4) develop and maintain programs, on a  
11 regular basis, for the mandatory orientation and in-service  
12 education of members of the boards of regents of the [~~various~~]  
13 state educational institutions designated in Article 12,  
14 Section 11 of the constitution of New Mexico; and

15 (5) exercise such other powers as may be  
16 granted it by law.

17 B. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law,  
18 the commission on higher education, which is a commission  
19 broadly representative of the public and of institutions of  
20 higher education, may be designated by the governor to  
21 administer funds furnished under acts of congress for those  
22 educational institutions enumerated in Article 12, Section 11  
23 of the constitution of New Mexico and for any other  
24 educational institutions over which the commission has been  
25 granted approval authority or supervisory powers or both.

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1 C. The commission on higher education is also  
2 charged with oversight of all private post-secondary  
3 educational institutions operating within the state."

4 Section 2. A new section of Chapter 21, Article 1 NMSA  
5 1978 is enacted to read:

6 "[NEW MATERIAL] BOARDS OF REGENTS--MANDATORY TRAINING OF  
7 MEMBERS.--Members of each board of regents of a state  
8 educational institution enumerated in Article 12, Section 11  
9 of the constitution of New Mexico shall attend mandatory  
10 orientation and in-service education programs."

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