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SENATE BILL 37

48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2008

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION; REQUIRING RESIDENT STUDENTS TO PROVIDE PROOF OF HEALTH INSURANCE OR TO PURCHASE INSTITUTION-PROVIDED HEALTH INSURANCE AS A CONDITION TO ADMISSION TO A POST-SECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

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

Section 1. PROOF OF HEALTH INSURANCE REQUIRED PRIOR TO THE ADMISSION OF RESIDENT STUDENTS.--

A. A public post-secondary educational institution shall not admit a resident student unless:

(1) the student can provide proof of being covered by a health insurance policy or plan that provides substantially the same or greater health insurance coverage than a health insurance policy or plan generally offered to students by the institution; or

1 (2) the student purchases coverage under the
2 health insurance policy or plan generally offered to students
3 by the institution.

4 B. This section does not apply to a resident
5 student who is provided health insurance under a scholarship or
6 other program administered by the higher education department.

7 C. The higher education department shall establish
8 criteria and guidelines for a resident student to provide proof
9 of appropriate health insurance.

10 D. As used in this section, "resident student"
11 means a resident student as defined by the higher education
12 department pursuant to Subsection G of Section 21-1-4 NMSA
13 1978.

14 Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
15 provisions of this act is July 1, 2008.

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