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HOUSE MEMORIAL 112

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO DETERMINE THE
TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY AVAILABLE FOR TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS AND
THE UNIFORM PERCENTAGE BY WHICH TO CALCULATE TUITION
SCHOLARSHIPS, AND TO NOTIFY ALL ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS OF THE
DETERMINATIONS BY JUNE 1 ANNUALLY.

WHEREAS, the New Mexico legislative lottery tuition
scholarship encourages New Mexico high school graduates and New
Mexico general education diploma recipients to enroll full time
and complete a two-year degree within four semesters or a four-
year degree within eight semesters; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico legislative lottery tuition
scholarship provides financial support by paying a portion of
the cost of tuition at any New Mexico public post-secondary
institution; and

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1 WHEREAS, the fall semester for most public post-secondary
2 institutions begins the second week of August and the spring
3 semester begins the second week of January; and

4 WHEREAS, Subsection A of Section 21-21N-4 NMSA 1978
5 provides that prior to June 1 of each year, the higher
6 education department shall:

7 A. determine the total amount of money available
8 for all student scholarships for qualified students;

9 B. determine the uniform percentage by which to
10 calculate tuition scholarships for qualified students attending
11 any public post-secondary educational institutions; and

12 C. notify all public post-secondary educational
13 institutions of the determinations; and

14 WHEREAS, students have to be able to plan for their
15 expenses while attending college; and

16 WHEREAS, currently, scholarship amounts and the percentage
17 used to calculate tuition scholarships are not being reported
18 by June 1 as mandated in statute and higher education
19 department Rule 5.7.20.11 NMAC;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
21 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the higher
22 education department be requested to adhere to the statutory
23 and regulatory requirements to make available the scholarship
24 amounts that will be awarded for both the fall and spring
25 semesters and the percentage used to calculate legislative

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1 lottery tuition scholarships by June 1 annually; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the higher education
3 department be requested to make the scholarship amounts and
4 percentage calculations available to the public by June 1
5 annually; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
7 transmitted to the secretary of higher education and to the
8 boards of regents or governing bodies of public post-secondary
9 educational institutions providing legislative lottery tuition
10 scholarships.