

1 SENATE MEMORIAL 108

2 **52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2015**

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10 A MEMORIAL

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

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

22 WHEREAS, the New Mexico legislative lottery tuition
23 scholarship provides financial support by paying a portion of
24 the cost of tuition at any New Mexico public post-secondary
25 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 SENATE OF THE STATE
21 OF NEW MEXICO that the higher education department be requested
22 to adhere to the statutory and regulatory requirements to make
23 available the scholarship amounts that will be awarded for both
24 the fall and spring semesters and the percentage used to
25 calculate legislative lottery tuition scholarships by June 1

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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.