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HOUSE BILL 290

52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2016

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION; REQUIRING BUSINESS SKILLS AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TRAINING IN ALL AGRICULTURE-RELATED
ACADEMIC PROGRAMS AT PUBLIC POST-SECONDARY EDUCATIONAL
INSTITUTIONS AND THROUGH THE COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE.

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

SECTION 1. ~~[NEW MATERIAL]~~ AGRICULTURE CERTIFICATE OR
DEGREE PROGRAMS--COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE--BUSINESS
TRAINING.--

A. Each public post-secondary educational
institution that offers certificate or degree programs in
agriculture-related fields of study shall include business
skills and economic development courses targeted for future
farmers, ranchers and agricultural entrepreneurs.

B. The cooperative extension service shall provide

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1 business skills and economic development training targeted to
2 farmers, ranchers and agricultural entrepreneurs. The service
3 may provide business skills and economic development training
4 in the cooperative extension office in each county, may combine
5 training in two or more counties or may take advantage of farm
6 and ranch organizations' conferences and annual meetings to
7 provide training.

8 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
9 provisions of this act is July 1, 2016.