

1 SENATE BILL 344

2 **54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION; CREATING THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING
12 PILOT PROJECT AT EASTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY'S ROSWELL BRANCH
13 CAMPUS; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

16 SECTION 1. [NEW MATERIAL] VOCATIONAL TRAINING PILOT
17 PROJECT--CREATED.--

18 A. Eastern New Mexico university shall establish
19 the vocational training pilot project at its Roswell branch
20 campus.

21 B. The vocational training pilot project shall
22 provide vocational education and training to individuals who
23 qualify to be students of the pilot project.

24 C. To qualify to be a student of the vocational
25 training pilot project, a person shall:

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- 1 (1) have completed tenth grade;
- 2 (2) have a cumulative grade point average of
- 3 2.0 or higher on a scale of 4.0 in ninth and tenth grades;
- 4 (3) have earned a high school equivalency
- 5 credential; and
- 6 (4) complete any other requirements required
- 7 by eastern New Mexico university.

8 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.--Five hundred thousand dollars
9 (\$500,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the board
10 of regents of eastern New Mexico university for expenditure in
11 fiscal years 2020 and 2021 to fund the vocational training
12 pilot project at eastern New Mexico university's Roswell branch
13 campus. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at
14 the end of fiscal year 2021 shall revert to the general fund.