HOUSE BILL 270

53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2018

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO THE LEGISLATIVE LOTTERY TUITION SCHOLARSHIP;

DECOUPLING SCHOLARSHIP AWARD AMOUNTS FROM TUITION COSTS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 21-21N-4 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2014,

Chapter 80, Section 4, as amended) is amended to read:

"21-21N-4. TUITION SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT--FUND.--

A. Prior to June 1 of each year, based on the

amount appropriated by the legislature from the fund and on the

projected enrollment at all public post-secondary educational

institutions, the department shall:

(1) determine the total amount of money

available for all tuition scholarships for qualified students;

(2) determine the [uniform percentage by which

to calculate tuition scholarships for qualified students

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1 attending any public post-secondary educational institution]

2 award amount for research institutions, comprehensive

3 institutions and community colleges; and

4 (3) notify all public post-secondary

5 educational institutions of the determinations made pursuant to

6 Paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection.

7 B. In determining distribution and award amounts

8 for the tuition scholarship program, the department shall:

9 (1) maintain the minimum fund balance pursuant

10 to Section 21-21N-5 NMSA 1978;

11 (2) distribute to all public post-secondary

12 educational institutions an amount not to exceed the remaining

13 balance in the fund; and

14 (3) subject to the provisions of Paragraphs

15 (1) and (2) of this subsection, distribute to each public post-

16 secondary educational institution an amount based on:

17 (a) the projected enrollment at each

18 four-year public post-secondary educational institution of

19 qualified students in their first through seventh program

20 semesters, including qualified students in their fourth through

21 seventh program semesters who transferred from community

22 colleges;

23 (b) the projected enrollment at each

24 community college of qualified students in their first through

25 third program semesters; and

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1   (c)   [a uniform percentage of the average

2   of in-state tuition costs charged by: 1) research institutions

3   for each research institution; 2) comprehensive institutions

4   for each comprehensive institution; and 3) community colleges

5   for each community college, except that the uniform percentage

6   for a two-year state educational institution shall be based on

7   the uniform percentage for community colleges] an award for

8   each scholarship recipient distributed in amounts as follows:

9   1) one thousand five hundred dollars ($1,500) per scholarship

10   per program semester for a student enrolled at a research

11   institution; 2) one thousand twenty dollars ($1,020) per

12   scholarship per program semester for a student enrolled at a

13   comprehensive institution; and 3) three hundred eighty dollars

14   ($380) per scholarship per program semester for a student

15   enrolled at a community college.

16   C.   If the total amount available pursuant to

17   Paragraph (1) of Subsection A of this section is less than the

18   amount calculated in Subsection B of this section, the

19   department shall decrease the scholarship award amounts in a

20   manner that maintains the distribution in the same proportions

21   as provided in Subparagraph (c) of Paragraph (3) of Subsection

22   B of this section.

23   D.   If the total amount available pursuant to

24   Paragraph (1) of Subsection A of this section is more than the

25   amount calculated in Subsection B of this section, the

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department shall increase the scholarship award amounts in a
manner that maintains the distribution in the same proportions
as provided in Subparagraph (c) of Paragraph (3) of Subsection
B of this section."

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
provisions of this act is July 1, 2018.

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