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AN ACT
RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION; PROHIBITING DENIAL OF ADMISSION
OR ELIGIBILITY FOR EDUCATION BENEFITS ON ACCOUNT OF
IMMIGRATION STATUS.

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

Section 1. A new section of Chapter 21, Article 1 NMSA
1978 is enacted to read:

"NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY FOR ADMISSION TO ANY PUBLIC
POST-SECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION--NONDISCRIMINATION IN
ELIGIBILITY FOR EDUCATION BENEFITS.--

A. A public post-secondary educational institution
shall not deny admission to a student on account of the
student's immigration status.

B. Any tuition rate or state-funded financial aid
that is granted to residents of New Mexico shall also be
granted on the same terms to all persons, regardless of
immigration status, who have attended a secondary educational
institution in New Mexico for at least one year and who have
either graduated from a New Mexico high school or received a
general educational development certificate in New Mexico."_____
