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HOUSE BILL 49

**54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2020**

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; EXPANDING THE POOL OF EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANTS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO BE AWARDED GROW YOUR OWN TEACHERS ACT SCHOLARSHIPS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 21-21P-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2019, Chapter 230, Section 2) is amended to read:

"21-21P-2. DEFINITIONS.--As used in the Grow Your Own Teachers Act:

A. "department" means the higher education department;

B. "educational assistant" means a ~~[United States citizen and]~~ resident of New Mexico who is authorized to work in the United States and who has worked as an educational assistant in a public school for at least two years and is in

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1 good standing with the school district and who is enrolled in  
2 or accepted by an undergraduate teacher preparation program at  
3 a regionally accredited public post-secondary educational  
4 institution in New Mexico;

5 C. "public school" includes constitutional special  
6 schools and state institutions and state agencies that educate  
7 children and employ educational assistants; and

8 D. "teacher preparation program" means a program  
9 that has been formally approved as meeting the requirements of  
10 the public education department and that leads to level one  
11 teacher licensure, including a program in a two-year post-  
12 secondary educational institution that meets the requirements  
13 for a teacher education transfer module established pursuant to  
14 Subsection C of Section 21-1B-4 NMSA 1978."

15 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the  
16 provisions of this act is July 1, 2020.