

1 SENATE BILL 243

2 **53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2017**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION; RESTRICTING EXPENDITURES ON
12 CERTAIN ACTIVITIES.

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

15 SECTION 1. Section 21-1-23 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1971,
16 Chapter 228, Section 2) is amended to read:

17 "21-1-23. STATE HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS--PUBLIC
18 FUNDS--LIMITATION UPON PAYMENT FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES.--

19 A. Public funds shall not be expended for the
20 purpose of paying compensation to any faculty member or
21 employee of a state higher educational institution for any
22 period of absence from [~~his~~] the faculty member's or employee's
23 assigned duties with [~~such~~] the state higher educational
24 institution unless the period of absence:

25 [~~A.~~] (1) is a holiday or vacation period

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1 established in the published calendar of the institution;
2 [B-] (2) comes within the official sick leave
3 or annual leave policies promulgated by the board of regents of
4 the institution; or

5 [G-] (3) is approved by a designated
6 administrative authority according to procedures established
7 for this purpose by the board of regents.

8 B. Public funds shall not be expended by a state
9 higher educational institution for the purpose of looking for
10 or catching a fictitious creature, including:

- 11 (1) bigfoot;
- 12 (2) sasquatch;
- 13 (3) yeti;
- 14 (4) abominable snowman;
- 15 (5) Pokémon;
- 16 (6) leprechauns; or
- 17 (7) bogeyman."

18 **SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.**--The effective date of the
19 provisions of this act is July 1, 2017.