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AN ACT
RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION; CREATING THE INTERSTATE
DISTANCE EDUCATION ACT; AUTHORIZING THE HIGHER EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT THE INTERSTATE DISTANCE EDUCATION
PROGRAM; EXEMPTING FROM THE OUT-OF-STATE PROPRIETARY SCHOOL
ACT COURSES PROVIDED UNDER THE INTERSTATE DISTANCE EDUCATION
ACT; MAKING A TECHNICAL CORRECTION IN SECTION 21-1-26.1
NMSA 1978 (BEING LAWS 1980, CHAPTER 145, SECTION 2, AS
AMENDED).

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

SECTION 1. A new section of Chapter 21 NMSA 1978 is
enacted to read:

"SHORT TITLE.--Sections 1 through 6 of this act may be
cited as the "Interstate Distance Education Act"."

SECTION 2. A new section of Chapter 21 NMSA 1978 is
enacted to read:

"DEFINITIONS.--As used in the Interstate Distance
Education Act:

A. "accreditation" means the status of public
recognition that an accrediting agency recognized by the
United States department of education pursuant to Title 4
of the federal Higher Education Act of 1965 grants to an
institution or educational program that meets the
department's established requirements;

B. "complaint" means a formal written assertion
that a provision of an agreement pursuant to Subsection B of