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The Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, announced today approval of a change in the Code of Federal Regulations regarding Indian college scholarships to conform to a new law recently signed by President Johnson.

Robert L. Bennett, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, said the new law eliminated a prohibition against Federal scholarships for Indian students at sectarian schools and the Code change carries out the intent of the law.

Other Federal college scholarship and loan programs do not differentiate between sectarian and non-sectarian schools, Bennett said. The bill changing the Indian scholarship provision, PL 90-280, was enacted March 30. The change becomes effective upon publication in the Federal Register.