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ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL No. 1248

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Citations Affected: IC 21-12; IC 21-16; IC 21-35.

Synopsis: Higher education matters. Amends, applying in an academic year beginning after August 31, 2017, the definition of "accelerated progress" for purposes of additional awards for state financial aid for higher education. Removes a provision that provides that the commission for higher education may offer certain performance incentive awards only to students who initially enroll in an eligible institution for an academic year beginning after August 31, 2013. Amends, beginning in an academic year beginning after August 31, 2017, eligibility requirements for: (1) larger award amounts under the Frank O'Bannon grant; (2) renewal of Frank O'Bannon grant awards; and (3) renewal of scholarships under the twenty-first century scholars program. Removes a provision that allows the commission for higher education to increase, but not decrease, amounts of Frank O'Bannon grant awards. Amends an eligibility requirement for the Frank O'Bannon grant. Provides that a student who participates in a technical certificate or associate degree program at Vincennes University is
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Effective: July 1, 2016.

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January 11, 2016, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.
January 19, 2016, amended, reported — Do Pass.
January 21, 2016, read second time, ordered engrossed. Engrossed.
January 25, 2016, read third time, passed. Yeas 92, nays 0.

SENATE ACTION

February 8, 2016, read first time and referred to Committee on Education & Career Development.
February 25, 2016, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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eligible to receive a Frank O'Bannon grant. Restates and amends the eligibility requirements for the twenty-first century scholars program and scholarship. Requires that the expense of administering the adult student grant fund be paid from money in the fund. Amends eligibility requirements for the Mitch Daniels early graduation scholarship. Amends the definition of "eligible student" for purposes of the EARN Indiana program. Amends provisions regarding satisfactory academic progress requirements for higher education awards, the twenty-first century scholars program, and the adult student grant program. Provides that, for purposes of the higher education award fund and the freedom of choice grant fund, the expense of administering each fund may be paid from money in each fund. Adds buildings used for academic instruction and student dormitories and other residence facilities to types of buildings and equipment that may be developed and managed through an agreement between a state educational institution and a private entity.



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Second Regular Session of the 119th General Assembly (2016)

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ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL No. 1248

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning higher education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 21-12-1.7-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.281-2013,
2 SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 2. **(a) This subsection expires June 30, 2017.** For
4 purposes of this chapter, "accelerated progress" means successfully
5 completing
6 (1) at least thirty-nine (39) credit hours or the equivalent by the
7 end of the student's first academic year; or
8 (2) at least seventy-eight (78) credit hours or the equivalent by the
9 end of the student's second academic year.
10 **(b) This subsection applies to an academic year beginning after**
11 **August 31, 2017. For purposes of this chapter, "accelerated**
12 **progress" means successfully completing at least thirty-nine (39)**
13 **credit hours or the equivalent during the student's first academic**
14 **year or second academic year.**
15 SECTION 2. IC 21-12-1.7-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.2-2014,
16 SECTION 91, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
17 JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 3. (a) This section applies to an academic year

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1 beginning after August 31, 2014. The commission shall publish
 2 annually a schedule of award amounts for the higher education award
 3 and freedom of choice grant issued under this article. The schedule
 4 must provide award amounts on the basis of the recipient's expected
 5 family contribution. The expected family contribution shall be derived
 6 from information submitted on the recipient's financial aid application
 7 form. The commission shall determine award amounts separately for:

- 8 (1) recipients attending approved public state educational
 9 institutions (except Ivy Tech Community College);
 10 (2) Ivy Tech Community College;
 11 (3) recipients attending a nonprofit college or university listed in
 12 IC 21-7-13-6(a)(1)(C); and
 13 (4) recipients attending approved postsecondary credit bearing
 14 proprietary institutions.

15 **(b) This subsection expires June 30, 2017.** The schedule of award
 16 amounts published under subsection (a) shall offer a larger award to a
 17 recipient who, as of the student's most recently concluded academic
 18 year, has successfully completed:

- 19 (1) at least thirty (30) credit hours or the equivalent by the end of
 20 the student's first academic year;
 21 (2) at least sixty (60) credit hours or the equivalent by the end of
 22 the student's second academic year; or
 23 (3) at least ninety (90) credit hours or the equivalent by the end of
 24 the student's third academic year.

25 A student's academic years used to determine if the student meets the
 26 requirements of this subdivision are not required to be successive
 27 calendar years.

28 **(c) This subsection applies to an academic year beginning after**
 29 **August 31, 2017. The schedule of award amounts published under**
 30 **subsection (a) must offer a larger award to first time and prior**
 31 **recipients who successfully completed:**

- 32 (1) at least thirty (30) credit hours or the equivalent during
 33 the last academic year in which the student received state
 34 financial aid; or
 35 (2) at least thirty (30) credit hours or the equivalent during
 36 the last academic year in which the student was enrolled in a
 37 postsecondary educational institution.

38 **(d) In determining eligibility under subsection (c), the**
 39 **commission shall apply all the following types of credits regardless**
 40 **of whether the credits were completed during the last academic**
 41 **year described in subsection (c)(1) or (c)(2):**

- 42 (1) Credits earned from dual credit, advanced placement, and



1 **international baccalaureate courses.**

2 **(2) College credits earned during high school.**

3 **(3) Credits earned exceeding thirty (30) credit hours during**
 4 **a previous academic year in which a student received state**
 5 **financial aid.**

6 ~~(e)~~ **(e)** The schedule of award amounts shall set forth an amount for
 7 recipients described in subsection (a)(1) that is equal to fifty percent
 8 (50%) of the amount for recipients described in subsection (a)(3).

9 ~~(d)~~ **(f)** This subsection expires September 1, 2016. A student that
 10 initially enrolls in an eligible institution for an academic year beginning
 11 before September 1, 2013, is eligible for the larger award determined
 12 under subsection (b) regardless of the student's credit completion.

13 SECTION 3. IC 21-12-1.7-4, AS ADDED BY P.L.281-2013,
 14 SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 15 JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 4. ~~(a)~~ **(a)** This section applies to a student who
 16 initially enrolls in an eligible institution for an academic year beginning
 17 after August 31, 2013.

18 ~~(b)~~ **(a)** The commission shall offer an additional award to a recipient
 19 who:

- 20 (1) is an academic honors student;
 21 (2) received an associate degree before enrolling in a
 22 baccalaureate degree program; or
 23 (3) made accelerated progress during the recipient's most recently
 24 concluded academic year.

25 ~~(e)~~ **(b)** The commission may establish one (1) or more student
 26 performance incentives in addition to those listed under subsection ~~(b)~~.
 27 **(a).**

28 ~~(d)~~ **(c)** The commission shall determine the amount of each
 29 incentive bonus annually, based on the available appropriation.

30 SECTION 4. IC 21-12-1.7-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.234-2015,
 31 SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 32 JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 5. ~~(a)~~ If the sum of awards under sections 3 and
 33 4 of this chapter exceeds the appropriation in a given year, the
 34 commission shall reduce the level of awards offered under section 4 of
 35 this chapter as necessary so that the sum of awards under sections 3
 36 and 4 of this chapter does not exceed the appropriation.

37 ~~(b)~~ The commission may increase, but shall not decrease, the
 38 amounts of awards published under section 3 of this chapter from the
 39 amount offered the previous academic year.

40 SECTION 5. IC 21-12-3-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.217-2015,
 41 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 42 JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 1. (a) An applicant is eligible for a first year



1 higher education award under this chapter if the student meets the
2 following requirements:

3 (1) The applicant is a resident of Indiana, as defined by the
4 commission.

5 (2) The applicant:

6 (A) has successfully completed the program of instruction at
7 an approved secondary school;

8 (B) has been granted a:

9 (i) high school equivalency certificate before July 1, 1995;

10 or

11 (ii) state of Indiana general educational development (GED)
12 diploma under IC 20-10.1-12.1 (before its repeal),
13 IC 20-20-6 (before its repeal), or IC 22-4.1-18; or

14 (C) is a student in good standing at an approved secondary
15 school and is engaged in a program that in due course will be
16 completed by the end of the current academic year.

17 (3) The financial resources reasonably available to the applicant,
18 as defined by the commission, are such that, in the absence of a
19 higher education award under this chapter, the applicant would be
20 deterred from completing the applicant's education at the
21 approved postsecondary educational institution that the applicant
22 has selected and that has accepted the applicant. In determining
23 the financial resources reasonably available to an applicant to
24 whom IC 21-18.5-4-8 applies, the commission must consider the
25 financial resources of the applicant's legal parent.

26 (4) The applicant will use the award initially at that approved
27 postsecondary educational institution.

28 (5) ~~If~~ The student is ~~already~~ **enrolled full time** in an approved
29 postsecondary educational institution ~~the applicant must be a~~
30 ~~full-time student~~ and ~~be~~ making satisfactory **academic** progress,
31 as determined by the ~~commission~~, **postsecondary educational**
32 **institution**, toward a first baccalaureate degree.

33 (6) The student declares, in writing, a specific educational
34 objective or course of study and enrolls in:

35 (A) courses that apply toward the requirements for completion
36 of that objective or course of study; or

37 (B) courses designed to help the student develop the basic
38 skills that the student needs to successfully achieve that
39 objective or continue in that course of study.

40 (7) The student is not eligible to receive a twenty-first century
41 scholarship under IC 21-12-6.

42 (8) The student is not eligible to receive a:



- 1 (A) National Guard tuition supplement grant under
 2 IC 21-13-4; or
 3 (B) scholarship under the National Guard scholarship
 4 extension program under IC 21-13-5.
 5 (b) This subsection applies to an individual who:
 6 (1) meets the requirements set forth in subsection (a); and
 7 (2) before the date that eligibility is determined by the
 8 commission, has been placed by or with the consent of the
 9 department of child services, by a court order, or by a licensed
 10 child placing agency in:
 11 (A) a foster family home;
 12 (B) the home of a relative or other unlicensed caretaker;
 13 (C) a child caring institution; or
 14 (D) a group home.

15 The commission shall consider an individual to whom this subsection
 16 applies as a full-need student under the commission's rules when
 17 determining the eligibility of the individual to receive financial aid
 18 administered by the commission under this chapter.

19 SECTION 6. IC 21-12-3-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.107-2012,
 20 SECTION 17, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 21 JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 4. A student who:

- 22 (1) participates in:
 23 (A) a nursing diploma program that is accredited by the
 24 Indiana state board of nursing and operated by a hospital;
 25 (B) a technical certificate or associate degree program at Ivy
 26 Tech Community College; ~~or~~
 27 **(C) a technical certificate or associate degree program at**
 28 **Vincennes University; or**
 29 ~~(D)~~ **(D)** an associate degree program at a postsecondary credit
 30 bearing proprietary educational institution that qualifies as an
 31 approved postsecondary educational institution; and
 32 (2) meets the requirements in sections 1 and 2 of this chapter for
 33 a first year higher education award except the requirement of
 34 satisfactory progress toward a first baccalaureate degree;
 35 is eligible to receive a state higher education award under this chapter.
 36 However, the student must make satisfactory progress toward obtaining
 37 the diploma, technical certificate, or associate degree to remain eligible
 38 for the award.

39 SECTION 7. IC 21-12-3-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.281-2013,
 40 SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 41 JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 9. **(a)** A higher education award for a student in
 42 a program leading to a baccalaureate degree may be renewed for a total



1 of three (3) undergraduate academic years following the academic year
 2 of the first award or until an earlier time as the student receives a
 3 degree normally obtained in four (4) undergraduate academic years. A
 4 higher education award for a student in a program leading to a
 5 technical certificate or an undergraduate associate degree may be
 6 renewed for the number of academic years normally required to obtain
 7 a certificate or degree in the student's program. The commission may
 8 grant a renewal only upon application and only upon its finding that:

9 (1) the applicant has successfully completed the work of a
 10 preceding year;

11 (2) the applicant remains domiciled in Indiana;

12 (3) the recipient's financial situation continues to warrant an
 13 award, based on the financial requirements set forth in section
 14 (1)(a)(3) of this chapter;

15 (4) the applicant is eligible under section 2 of this chapter;

16 (5) if the student initially enrolls in an eligible institution for a
 17 semester (or its equivalent) beginning after June 30, 2012, the
 18 student maintains at least a cumulative grade point average that
 19 the eligible institution determines is satisfactory academic
 20 progress, and as determined by the eligible institution;

21 **(6) beginning in an academic year beginning after August 31,
 22 2017, the student successfully completes:**

23 **(A) at least twenty-four (24) credit hours or the equivalent
 24 during the last academic year in which the student
 25 received state financial aid; or**

26 **(B) at least twenty-four (24) credit hours or the equivalent
 27 during the last academic year in which the student was
 28 enrolled in a postsecondary educational institution; and**

29 ~~(6)~~ (7) if the student initially enrolls in an eligible institution for
 30 an academic year beginning after August 31, 2013, the student
 31 successfully completes:

32 (A) at least twenty-four (24) credit hours or the equivalent by
 33 the end of the student's first academic year;

34 (B) at least forty-eight (48) credit hours or the equivalent by
 35 the end of the student's second academic year; and

36 (C) at least seventy-two (72) credit hours or the equivalent by
 37 the end of the student's third academic year.

38 A student's academic years used to determine if the student meets
 39 the requirements of this subdivision are not required to be
 40 successive calendar years. A recipient who fails to meet the credit
 41 hour requirement for a particular academic year becomes
 42 ineligible for an award during the next academic year. The



1 recipient may regain eligibility for an award in subsequent
 2 academic years if the recipient meets the aggregate credit hour
 3 requirements commensurate with the recipient's academic
 4 standing. In addition, the commission may allow a student who is
 5 otherwise ineligible under this subdivision for an award during
 6 the next academic year to maintain eligibility for an award if the
 7 student submits a petition to the commission and the commission
 8 makes a determination that extenuating circumstances (as
 9 determined by the commission) prevented the student from
 10 meeting the requirements of this subdivision. **This subdivision**
 11 **expires June 30, 2017.**

12 **(b) In determining eligibility under subsection (a)(6), the**
 13 **commission shall apply all the following types of credits regardless**
 14 **of whether the credits were completed during the last academic**
 15 **year described in subsection (a)(6)(A) or (a)(6)(B):**

16 **(1) Credits earned from dual credit, advanced placement, and**
 17 **international baccalaureate courses.**

18 **(2) College credits earned during high school.**

19 **(3) Credits earned exceeding thirty (30) credit hours during**
 20 **a previous academic year in which a student received state**
 21 **financial aid.**

22 SECTION 8. IC 21-12-3-19, AS AMENDED BY P.L.234-2015,
 23 SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 24 JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 19. **(a)** The auditor of state shall create a separate
 25 and segregated higher education award fund distinct from the freedom
 26 of choice grant fund.

27 **(b)** All money disbursed from the higher education award fund shall
 28 be in accordance with this chapter.

29 **(c) The expense of administering the fund may be paid from**
 30 **money in the fund.**

31 **(d)** Money remaining in the higher education award fund at the end
 32 of any fiscal year does not revert to the state general fund but remains
 33 available to be used for making higher education awards under this
 34 chapter, or it may be transferred to another fund under this article as
 35 directed by the commission under IC 21-12-1.2-2.

36 SECTION 9. IC 21-12-4-5, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2007, SECTION
 37 253, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 38 1, 2016]: Sec. 5. **(a)** The auditor of the state shall create a separate and
 39 segregated freedom of choice grant fund distinct from the higher
 40 education award fund.

41 **(b) The expense of administering the fund may be paid from**
 42 **money in the fund.**



1 SECTION 10. IC 21-12-6-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.281-2013,
 2 SECTION 16, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 3 JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 5. (a) **Unless a student qualifies under**
 4 **subsection (b)**, to qualify to participate in the program, a student must
 5 meet the following requirements:

6 (1) Be a resident of Indiana.

7 (2) Be:

8 (A) enrolled in grade 7 or 8 at a:

9 (i) public school; or

10 (ii) nonpublic school that is accredited either by the state
 11 board of education or by a national or regional accrediting
 12 agency whose accreditation is accepted as a school
 13 improvement plan under IC 20-31-4-2; or

14 (B) otherwise qualified under the rules of the commission that
 15 are adopted under IC 21-18.5-4-9(2) to include students who
 16 are in grades other than grade 8 as eligible students.

17 (3) Be a member of a household with an annual income of not
 18 more than the amount required for the individual to qualify for
 19 free or reduced priced lunches under the national school lunch
 20 program, as determined for the immediately preceding taxable
 21 year for the household **for which the student was claimed as a**
 22 **dependent.**

23 (4) Agree, in writing, together with the student's custodial parents
 24 or guardian, that the student will:

25 (A) graduate from a secondary school located in Indiana that
 26 meets the admission criteria of an eligible institution;

27 (B) not illegally use controlled substances (as defined in
 28 IC 35-48-1-9);

29 (C) not commit a crime or an infraction described in
 30 IC 9-30-5;

31 (D) not commit any other crime or delinquent act (as described
 32 in IC 31-37-1-2 or IC 31-37-2-2 through IC 31-37-2-5 (or
 33 IC 31-6-4-1(a)(1) through IC 31-6-4-1(a)(5) before their
 34 repeal));

35 (E) timely apply, when the eligible student is a senior in high
 36 school:

37 (i) for admission to an eligible institution; and

38 (ii) for any federal and state student financial assistance
 39 available to the eligible student to attend an eligible
 40 institution;

41 (F) achieve a cumulative grade point average upon graduation
 42 of:



- 1 (i) at least 2.0, if the student graduates from high school
 2 before July 1, 2014; and
 3 (ii) at least 2.5, if the student graduates from high school
 4 after June 30, 2014;
 5 on a 4.0 grading scale (or its equivalent if another grading
 6 scale is used) for courses taken during grades 9, 10, 11, and
 7 12; and
 8 (G) ~~participate in~~ **complete** an academic success program
 9 required under the rules adopted by the commission, if the
 10 student initially enrolls in high school after June 30, 2013.
- 11 (b) A student ~~is also qualified~~ **qualifies** to participate in the program
 12 if the student:
- 13 (1) before or during grade 7 or grade 8, is placed by or with the
 14 consent of the department of child services, by a court order, or by
 15 a child placing agency in:
- 16 (A) a foster family home;
 17 (B) the home of a relative or other unlicensed caretaker;
 18 (C) a child caring institution; or
 19 (D) a group home;
- 20 **(2) meets the requirements in subsection (a)(1) through (a)(2);**
 21 **and**
 22 ~~(2) (3)~~ **(3)** agrees in writing, together with the student's caseworker
 23 (as defined in IC 31-9-2-11) **or legal guardian**, to the conditions
 24 set forth in subsection (a)(4). ~~and~~
 25 ~~(3) except as provided in subdivision (2); otherwise meets the~~
 26 ~~requirements of subsection (a).~~
- 27 (c) The commission may require that an applicant apply
 28 electronically to participate in the program using an online Internet
 29 application on the commission's web site.
- 30 SECTION 11. IC 21-12-6-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.234-2015,
 31 SECTION 14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 32 JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 6. (a) A student may apply to the commission for
 33 a scholarship. To qualify for a scholarship, the student must meet the
 34 following requirements:
- 35 (1) Be an eligible student who qualified to participate in the
 36 program under section 5 of this chapter.
 37 (2) Be a resident of Indiana.
 38 (3) Be a graduate from a secondary school located in Indiana that
 39 meets the admission criteria of an eligible institution and have
 40 achieved a cumulative grade point average in high school of:
- 41 (A) at least 2.0 on a 4.0 grading scale, if the student is
 42 expected to graduate from high school before July 1, 2014; and



- 1 (B) at least 2.5 on a 4.0 grading scale, if the student is
 2 expected to graduate from high school after June 30, 2014.
 3 (4) Have applied to attend and be accepted to attend as a full-time
 4 student an eligible institution.
 5 (5) Certify in writing that before the student's graduation from
 6 high school the student:
 7 (A) did not illegally use controlled substances (as defined in
 8 IC 35-48-1-9);
 9 (B) did not illegally consume alcoholic beverages;
 10 (C) did not commit any other crime or a delinquent act (as
 11 described in IC 31-37-1-2 or IC 31-37-2-2 through
 12 IC 31-37-2-5 (or IC 31-6-4-1(a)(1) through IC 31-6-4-1(a)(5)
 13 before their repeal));
 14 (D) timely filed an application for other types of financial
 15 assistance available to the student from the state or federal
 16 government; and
 17 (E) ~~participated in~~ **completed** an academic success program
 18 required under the rules adopted by the commission.
 19 (6) Submit to the commission all the information and evidence
 20 required by the commission to determine eligibility as a
 21 scholarship applicant.
 22 (7) This subdivision applies only to applicants who initially enroll
 23 in the program under section 5 of this chapter or IC 21-12-6.5-2
 24 after June 30, 2011. For purposes of this chapter, applicants who
 25 are enrolled in the program before July 1, 2011, will not have an
 26 income or financial resources test applied to them when they
 27 subsequently apply for a scholarship. Have a lack of financial
 28 resources reasonably available to the applicant, as defined by the
 29 commission, that, in the absence of an award under this chapter,
 30 would deter the scholarship applicant from completing the
 31 applicant's education at the approved postsecondary educational
 32 institution that the applicant has selected and that has accepted
 33 the applicant.
 34 (8) Meet any other minimum criteria established by the
 35 commission.
 36 (b) This section applies to an individual who graduates from high
 37 school after December 31, 2011. To be eligible for a scholarship under
 38 this section, a student must initially attend ~~the~~ **an** eligible institution
 39 described in subsection (a)(4) not later than the fall semester (or its
 40 equivalent, as determined by the commission) in the year immediately
 41 following the year in which the student graduates from high school.
 42 SECTION 12. IC 21-12-6-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.281-2013,



1 SECTION 17, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 2 JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 7. **(a)** Subject to IC 21-12-13-2, a scholarship
 3 awarded under section 6 of this chapter or this section may be renewed.
 4 To qualify for a scholarship renewal, a scholarship recipient must do
 5 the following:

6 (1) Submit to the commission a renewal application that contains
 7 all the information and evidence required by the commission to
 8 determine eligibility for the scholarship renewal.

9 (2) Continue to be enrolled as a full-time student in good standing
 10 at an eligible institution.

11 (3) This subdivision applies only to applicants who initially enroll
 12 in the program under section 5 of this chapter or IC 21-12-6.5-2
 13 after June 30, 2011. For purposes of this chapter, applicants who
 14 are enrolled in the program before July 1, 2011, will not have an
 15 income or financial resources test applied to them when they
 16 subsequently apply to renew a scholarship. Continue to have a
 17 lack of financial resources reasonably available to the applicant,
 18 as defined by the commission, that, in the absence of an award
 19 under this chapter, would deter the scholarship applicant from
 20 completing the applicant's education at the approved
 21 postsecondary educational institution that the applicant has
 22 selected and that has accepted the applicant.

23 ~~(4) If the student initially enrolls in an eligible institution for a~~
 24 ~~semester (or its equivalent) beginning after June 30, 2012;~~
 25 ~~Maintain at least a cumulative grade point average that the~~
 26 ~~eligible institution determines is satisfactory academic progress,~~
 27 **as determined by the eligible institution.**

28 (5) If the student initially enrolls in an eligible institution for an
 29 academic year beginning after August 31, 2013, the student
 30 successfully completes:

31 (A) at least thirty (30) credit hours or the equivalent by the end
 32 of the student's first academic year;

33 (B) at least sixty (60) credit hours or the equivalent by the end
 34 of the student's second academic year; and

35 (C) at least ninety (90) credit hours or the equivalent by the
 36 end of the student's third academic year.

37 A student's academic years used to determine if the student meets
 38 the requirements of this subdivision are not required to be
 39 successive calendar years. A recipient who fails to meet the credit
 40 hour requirement for a particular academic year becomes
 41 ineligible for an award during the next academic year. The
 42 recipient may become eligible for an award in subsequent



1 academic years if that recipient meets the aggregate credit hour
 2 requirements commensurate with the recipient's academic
 3 standing. In addition, the commission may allow a student who is
 4 otherwise ineligible under this subdivision for an award during
 5 the next academic year to maintain eligibility for an award if the
 6 student submits a petition to the commission and the commission
 7 makes a determination that extenuating circumstances (as
 8 determined by the commission) prevented the student from
 9 meeting the requirements of this subdivision. **This subdivision
 10 expires June 30, 2017.**

11 **(6) Beginning in an academic year beginning after August 31,
 12 2017, the student successfully completes:**

13 **(A) at least thirty (30) credit hours or the equivalent
 14 during the last academic year in which the student
 15 received state financial aid; or**

16 **(B) at least thirty (30) credit hours or the equivalent during
 17 the last academic year in which the student was enrolled in
 18 postsecondary education.**

19 ~~(6)~~ (7) Continue to meet any other minimum criteria established
 20 by the commission.

21 **(b) In determining eligibility under subsection (a)(6), the
 22 commission shall apply all the following types of credits regardless
 23 of whether the credits were completed during the last academic
 24 year described in subsection (a)(6)(A) or (a)(6)(B):**

25 **(1) Credits earned from dual credit, advanced placement, and
 26 international baccalaureate courses.**

27 **(2) College credits earned during high school.**

28 **(3) Credits earned exceeding thirty (30) credit hours during
 29 a previous academic year in which a student received state
 30 financial aid.**

31 **(c) The commission may allow a student who is otherwise
 32 ineligible under subsection (a)(6) for an award during the next
 33 academic year to maintain eligibility for an award if the student
 34 submits a petition to the commission and the commission makes a
 35 determination that extenuating circumstances (as determined by
 36 the commission) prevented the student from meeting the
 37 requirements under subsection (a)(6).**

38 SECTION 13. IC 21-12-8-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.234-2015,
 39 SECTION 15, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 40 JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 1. (a) The adult student grant fund is established
 41 to make awards authorized under this chapter to eligible applicants.

42 (b) The fund consists of the following:



- 1 (1) Appropriations made by the general assembly.
 2 (2) Gifts, grants, devises, or bequests made to the state to achieve
 3 the purposes of the fund.
 4 (3) Amounts transferred to the fund as directed by the
 5 commission under IC 21-12-1.2-2.
 6 (c) The fund shall be administered by the commission.
 7 **(d) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from**
 8 **money in the fund.**
 9 ~~(e)~~ (e) The fund must be separate and distinct from other funds
 10 administered by the commission.
 11 ~~(e)~~ (f) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not
 12 currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same
 13 manner as other public funds are invested.
 14 ~~(f)~~ (g) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not
 15 revert to the state general fund but remains available to be used for
 16 providing money for adult student grants under this chapter, or it may
 17 be transferred to another fund under this article as directed by the
 18 commission under IC 21-12-1.2-2.
 19 SECTION 14. IC 21-12-8-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.234-2015,
 20 SECTION 17, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 21 JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 3. (a) An applicant is eligible to receive an adult
 22 student grant if the following conditions are met:
 23 (1) The applicant is domiciled in Indiana, as defined by the
 24 commission.
 25 (2) The applicant:
 26 (A) has received a diploma of graduation from an approved
 27 secondary school;
 28 (B) has been granted a:
 29 (i) high school equivalency certificate before July 1, 1995;
 30 or
 31 (ii) state of Indiana general educational development (GED)
 32 diploma under IC 20-10.1-12.1 (before its repeal),
 33 IC 20-20-6 (before its repeal), or IC 22-4.1-18; or
 34 (C) is a student in good standing who is completing a final
 35 year of study at an approved secondary school and will be
 36 eligible upon graduation to attend an approved institution of
 37 higher learning.
 38 (3) The applicant declares, in writing, a specific educational
 39 objective or course of study and enrolls in:
 40 (A) a course that applies toward the requirements for
 41 completion of that objective or course of study; or
 42 (B) a course designed to help the applicant develop the basic



- 1 skills the applicant needs to successfully achieve that objective
- 2 or continue in that course of study.
- 3 (4) The applicant enrolls in at least six (6) credit hours in any
- 4 academic term.
- 5 (5) The commission or an approved postsecondary educational
- 6 institution acting as the commission's agent determines that the
- 7 financial resources available to the applicant are such that in the
- 8 absence of a grant under this chapter the applicant would be
- 9 deterred from beginning or completing the applicant's declared
- 10 educational objective or course of study.
- 11 (6) The applicant has not received a Frank O'Bannon grant for the
- 12 maximum number of academic terms.
- 13 (7) The applicant is identified as financially independent from the
- 14 applicant's parents as determined by the Free Application for
- 15 Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- 16 **(8) The applicant maintains satisfactory academic progress,**
- 17 **as determined by the eligible institution.**
- 18 (b) The commission may reduce an award offered under this section
- 19 by the amount the applicant is eligible to receive in tuition
- 20 reimbursement from an employer or another outside source.
- 21 SECTION 15. IC 21-12-8-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.234-2015,
- 22 SECTION 19, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 23 JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 5. Subject to this chapter, a student's adult student
- 24 grant may be renewed if the student does the following:
- 25 (1) Successfully completes at least eighteen (18) credit hours or
- 26 their equivalent toward a certificate, nursing diploma, associate
- 27 degree, or baccalaureate degree in the previous academic year.
- 28 (2) Demonstrates continuing financial need.
- 29 (3) ~~Maintains at least a cumulative grade point average that the~~
- 30 ~~eligible institution determines is satisfactory academic progress.~~
- 31 SECTION 16. IC 21-12-10-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.233-2015,
- 32 SECTION 314, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 33 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 3. An individual is eligible for a
- 34 Mitch Daniels early graduation scholarship if the individual:
- 35 (1) is a resident of Indiana, as defined by the commission;
- 36 (2) attended a publicly supported school on a full-time
- 37 equivalency basis for at least the last two (2) semesters before the
- 38 individual graduated from high school;
- 39 (3) had legal settlement (as defined in IC 20-18-2-11) in Indiana
- 40 for at least the last two (2) semesters before the individual
- 41 graduated from high school;
- 42 (4) met at least the minimum requirements set by the Indiana state



1 board of education for granting a **received a Core 40** high school
 2 diploma by the end of grade 11 (including any summer school
 3 courses completed before July 1 of a year) **and was awarded** after
 4 December 31, 2010, a **high school diploma by the from the**
 5 publicly supported school that the individual last attended for
 6 course credits; **earned before the end of grade 11;**

7 (5) was not enrolled in a publicly supported school for any part of
 8 grade 12;

9 (6) applies to the commission for a Mitch Daniels early
 10 graduation scholarship in the manner specified by the
 11 commission; and

12 ~~(7) within five (5) months after graduating from high school:~~

13 ~~(A) becomes a student in good standing at an approved~~
 14 ~~postsecondary educational institution whose students are~~
 15 ~~eligible to receive, before September 1, 2014, a higher~~
 16 ~~education award (IC 21-12-3-11) or a freedom of choice grant~~
 17 ~~(IC 21-12-4-4); or, after August 31, 2014, a higher education~~
 18 ~~award or freedom of choice grant published under~~
 19 ~~IC 21-12-1.7-3; and~~

20 ~~(B) is engaged in a program that will lead to an approved~~
 21 ~~postsecondary degree or credential.~~

22 **(7) enrolls as a full-time student at an eligible institution not**
 23 **later than the fall semester (or its equivalent, as determined**
 24 **by the commission) in the academic year immediately**
 25 **following the year in which the student graduates from high**
 26 **school.**

27 SECTION 17. IC 21-16-1-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.217-2015,
 28 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 29 JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 8. "Eligible student" means a student who:

30 (1) is enrolled as a full-time student **or is eligible to receive an**
 31 **adult student grant (as defined in IC 21-12-1-4.5)** at an
 32 approved institution of higher education in Indiana;

33 (2) completes a Free Application for Federal Student Aid;

34 (3) meets financial eligibility requirements based on the student's
 35 financial aid application, regardless of the date on which the
 36 application is filed; and

37 (4) meets any other criteria established by the commission.

38 SECTION 18. IC 21-35-1-4, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2007,
 39 SECTION 276, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 40 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 4. "Facilities", for purposes of
 41 IC 21-35-7, means buildings and equipment located on or immediately
 42 adjacent to a university campus, the primary purpose of which is to



- 1 make available or provide:
 2 (1) offstreet parking;
 3 (2) alternative transportation systems;
 4 (3) office space;
 5 (4) convenience, retail, and service establishments;
 6 (5) bookstores;
 7 (6) research;
 8 (7) outpatient and extended care;
 9 (8) food service;
 10 (9) temporary lodging quarters or similar structures used by:
 11 (A) students;
 12 (B) faculty;
 13 (C) staff;
 14 (D) patients; or
 15 (E) visitors;
 16 (10) housing used by students in connection with:
 17 (A) hospitals; ~~or~~
 18 (B) health care units; ~~or~~
 19 (C) **dormitories; or**
 20 (D) **other residence facilities;**
 21 (11) **academic instruction; or**
 22 (H) (12) any combination of the buildings and services listed in
 23 this section.

24 **The term does not include undergraduate dormitories:**

25 SECTION 19. IC 21-35-7-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.205-2013,
 26 SECTION 332, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 27 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 2. This chapter applies to buildings
 28 and equipment located on or immediately adjacent to a campus of a
 29 state educational institution, the primary purpose of which is to make
 30 available or provide:

- 31 (1) offstreet parking;
 32 (2) alternative transportation systems;
 33 (3) office space;
 34 (4) convenience, retail, and service establishments;
 35 (5) bookstores;
 36 (6) research;
 37 (7) outpatient and extended care;
 38 (8) food service;
 39 (9) temporary lodging quarters or similar structures used by
 40 students, faculty, staff, patients, or visitors; or
 41 (10) housing used by students in connection with hospitals, health
 42 care units, ~~or~~ hospitality facilities, **dormitories, or other**



1 **residence facilities.**
 2 ~~The term does not include undergraduate dormitories:~~
 3 SECTION 20. IC 21-35-7-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.205-2013,
 4 SECTION 333, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 5 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 7. If the management and operation
 6 of the property are to be by a developer or user, the specifications for
 7 the property must require that the property will be generally available
 8 to: **to its occupants and visitors**
 9 (1) ~~the students, faculty, staff, patients in hospitals or health care~~
 10 ~~units;~~
 11 (2) ~~visitors to hospitals or health care units; and~~
 12 (3) ~~students, faculty, staff, or visitors to a hospitality facility;~~
 13 without discrimination and at reasonable charges. These charges shall
 14 be reviewed and revised periodically by the board of trustees of the
 15 state educational institution to assure that the charges are at all times
 16 nondiscriminatory and reasonable.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Education, to which was referred House Bill 1248, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 2, line 39, delete "credits:" and insert "**credits regardless of whether the credits were completed during the last academic year described in subsection (c)(1) or (c)(2):**".

Page 6, line 36, delete "credits:" and insert "**credits regardless of whether the credits were completed during the last academic year described in subsection (a)(6)(A) or (a)(6)(B):**".

Page 11, line 21, delete "credits:" and insert "**credits regardless of whether the credits were completed during the last academic year described in subsection (a)(6)(A) or (a)(6)(B):**".

Page 13, after line 11, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 12. IC 21-16-1-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.217-2015, SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 8. "Eligible student" means a student who:

- (1) is enrolled as a full-time student **or is eligible to receive an adult student grant (as defined in IC 21-12-1-4.5)** at an approved institution of higher education in Indiana;
- (2) completes a Free Application for Federal Student Aid;
- (3) meets financial eligibility requirements based on the student's financial aid application, regardless of the date on which the application is filed; and
- (4) meets any other criteria established by the commission.

SECTION 13. IC 21-35-1-4, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2007, SECTION 276, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 4. "Facilities", for purposes of IC 21-35-7, means buildings and equipment located on or immediately adjacent to a university campus, the primary purpose of which is to make available or provide:

- (1) offstreet parking;
- (2) alternative transportation systems;
- (3) office space;
- (4) convenience, retail, and service establishments;
- (5) bookstores;
- (6) research;
- (7) outpatient and extended care;
- (8) food service;
- (9) temporary lodging quarters or similar structures used by:



- (A) students;
- (B) faculty;
- (C) staff;
- (D) patients; or
- (E) visitors;
- (10) housing used by students in connection with:
 - (A) hospitals; ~~or~~
 - (B) health care units; ~~or~~
 - (C) dormitories; or**
 - (D) other residence facilities;**
- (11) academic instruction; or**
- ~~(H)~~ **(12) any combination of the buildings and services listed in this section.**

~~The term does not include undergraduate dormitories:~~

SECTION 14. IC 21-35-7-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.205-2013, SECTION 332, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 2. This chapter applies to buildings and equipment located on or immediately adjacent to a campus of a state educational institution, the primary purpose of which is to make available or provide:

- (1) offstreet parking;
- (2) alternative transportation systems;
- (3) office space;
- (4) convenience, retail, and service establishments;
- (5) bookstores;
- (6) research;
- (7) outpatient and extended care;
- (8) food service;
- (9) temporary lodging quarters or similar structures used by students, faculty, staff, patients, or visitors; or
- (10) housing used by students in connection with hospitals, health care units, ~~or~~ hospitality facilities, **dormitories, or other residence facilities.**

~~The term does not include undergraduate dormitories:~~

SECTION 15. IC 21-35-7-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.205-2013, SECTION 333, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 7. If the management and operation of the property are to be by a developer or user, the specifications for the property must require that the property will be generally available ~~to:~~ **to its occupants and visitors**

- ~~(1) the students; faculty; staff; patients in hospitals or health care units;~~



(2) visitors to hospitals or health care units; and
 (3) students, faculty, staff, or visitors to a hospitality facility;
 without discrimination and at reasonable charges. These charges shall be reviewed and revised periodically by the board of trustees of the state educational institution to assure that the charges are at all times nondiscriminatory and reasonable."

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1248 as introduced.)

BEHNING

Committee Vote: yeas 11, nays 1.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Education and Career Development, to which was referred House Bill No. 1248, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 3, between lines 12 and 13, begin a new paragraph and insert:
 "SECTION 3. IC 21-12-1.7-4, AS ADDED BY P.L.281-2013, SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 4. (a) This section applies to a student who initially enrolls in an eligible institution for an academic year beginning after August 31, 2013.

(b) (a) The commission shall offer an additional award to a recipient who:

- (1) is an academic honors student;
- (2) received an associate degree before enrolling in a baccalaureate degree program; or
- (3) made accelerated progress during the recipient's most recently concluded academic year.

(c) (b) The commission may establish one (1) or more student performance incentives in addition to those listed under subsection (b). (a).

(d) (c) The commission shall determine the amount of each incentive bonus annually, based on the available appropriation."

Page 4, line 13, after "satisfactory" insert "**academic**".

Page 6, line 1, strike "at least a cumulative grade point average



that".

Page 6, line 2, strike "the eligible institution determines is".

Page 6, line 3, delete ";" and insert ",".

Page 6, line 3, after "and" insert "**as determined by the eligible institution;**".

Page 7, between lines 4 and 5, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 8. IC 21-12-3-19, AS AMENDED BY P.L.234-2015, SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 19. **(a)** The auditor of state shall create a separate and segregated higher education award fund distinct from the freedom of choice grant fund.

(b) All money disbursed from the higher education award fund shall be in accordance with this chapter.

(c) The expense of administering the fund may be paid from money in the fund.

(d) Money remaining in the higher education award fund at the end of any fiscal year does not revert to the state general fund but remains available to be used for making higher education awards under this chapter, or it may be transferred to another fund under this article as directed by the commission under IC 21-12-1.2-2.

SECTION 9. IC 21-12-4-5, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2007, SECTION 253, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 5. **(a)** The auditor of the state shall create a separate and segregated freedom of choice grant fund distinct from the higher education award fund.

(b) The expense of administering the fund may be paid from money in the fund."

Page 10, delete lines 4 through 42, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 12. IC 21-12-6-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.281-2013, SECTION 17, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 7. **(a)** Subject to IC 21-12-13-2, a scholarship awarded under section 6 of this chapter or this section may be renewed. To qualify for a scholarship renewal, a scholarship recipient must do the following:

- (1) Submit to the commission a renewal application that contains all the information and evidence required by the commission to determine eligibility for the scholarship renewal.
- (2) Continue to be enrolled as a full-time student in good standing at an eligible institution.
- (3) This subdivision applies only to applicants who initially enroll in the program under section 5 of this chapter or IC 21-12-6.5-2



after June 30, 2011. For purposes of this chapter, applicants who are enrolled in the program before July 1, 2011, will not have an income or financial resources test applied to them when they subsequently apply to renew a scholarship. Continue to have a lack of financial resources reasonably available to the applicant, as defined by the commission, that, in the absence of an award under this chapter, would deter the scholarship applicant from completing the applicant's education at the approved postsecondary educational institution that the applicant has selected and that has accepted the applicant.

(4) ~~If the student initially enrolls in an eligible institution for a semester (or its equivalent) beginning after June 30, 2012, Maintain at least a cumulative grade point average that the eligible institution determines is satisfactory academic progress, as determined by the eligible institution.~~

(5) If the student initially enrolls in an eligible institution for an academic year beginning after August 31, 2013, the student successfully completes:

- (A) at least thirty (30) credit hours or the equivalent by the end of the student's first academic year;
- (B) at least sixty (60) credit hours or the equivalent by the end of the student's second academic year; and
- (C) at least ninety (90) credit hours or the equivalent by the end of the student's third academic year.

A student's academic years used to determine if the student meets the requirements of this subdivision are not required to be successive calendar years. A recipient who fails to meet the credit hour requirement for a particular academic year becomes ineligible for an award during the next academic year. The recipient may become eligible for an award in subsequent academic years if that recipient meets the aggregate credit hour requirements commensurate with the recipient's academic standing. In addition, the commission may allow a student who is otherwise ineligible under this subdivision for an award during the next academic year to maintain eligibility for an award if the student submits a petition to the commission and the commission makes a determination that extenuating circumstances (as determined by the commission) prevented the student from meeting the requirements of this subdivision. **This subdivision expires June 30, 2017.**

(6) Beginning in an academic year beginning after August 31, 2017, the student successfully completes:



(A) at least thirty (30) credit hours or the equivalent during the last academic year in which the student received state financial aid; or

(B) at least thirty (30) credit hours or the equivalent during the last academic year in which the student was enrolled in postsecondary education.

~~(6)~~ (7) Continue to meet any other minimum criteria established by the commission.

(b) In determining eligibility under subsection (a)(6), the commission shall apply all the following types of credits regardless of whether the credits were completed during the last academic year described in subsection (a)(6)(A) or (a)(6)(B):

(1) Credits earned from dual credit, advanced placement, and international baccalaureate courses.

(2) College credits earned during high school.

(3) Credits earned exceeding thirty (30) credit hours during a previous academic year in which a student received state financial aid.

(c) The commission may allow a student who is otherwise ineligible under subsection (a)(6) for an award during the next academic year to maintain eligibility for an award if the student submits a petition to the commission and the commission makes a determination that extenuating circumstances (as determined by the commission) prevented the student from meeting the requirements under subsection (a)(6)."

Page 11, delete lines 1 through 40.

Page 12, between lines 21 and 22, begin a new paragraph and insert:
"SECTION 14. IC 21-12-8-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.234-2015, SECTION 17, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 3. (a) An applicant is eligible to receive an adult student grant if the following conditions are met:

(1) The applicant is domiciled in Indiana, as defined by the commission.

(2) The applicant:

(A) has received a diploma of graduation from an approved secondary school;

(B) has been granted a:

(i) high school equivalency certificate before July 1, 1995;

or

(ii) state of Indiana general educational development (GED) diploma under IC 20-10.1-12.1 (before its repeal), IC 20-20-6 (before its repeal), or IC 22-4.1-18; or



(C) is a student in good standing who is completing a final year of study at an approved secondary school and will be eligible upon graduation to attend an approved institution of higher learning.

(3) The applicant declares, in writing, a specific educational objective or course of study and enrolls in:

(A) a course that applies toward the requirements for completion of that objective or course of study; or

(B) a course designed to help the applicant develop the basic skills the applicant needs to successfully achieve that objective or continue in that course of study.

(4) The applicant enrolls in at least six (6) credit hours in any academic term.

(5) The commission or an approved postsecondary educational institution acting as the commission's agent determines that the financial resources available to the applicant are such that in the absence of a grant under this chapter the applicant would be deterred from beginning or completing the applicant's declared educational objective or course of study.

(6) The applicant has not received a Frank O'Bannon grant for the maximum number of academic terms.

(7) The applicant is identified as financially independent from the applicant's parents as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

(8) The applicant maintains satisfactory academic progress, as determined by the eligible institution.

(b) The commission may reduce an award offered under this section by the amount the applicant is eligible to receive in tuition reimbursement from an employer or another outside source.

SECTION 15. IC 21-12-8-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.234-2015, SECTION 19, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 5. Subject to this chapter, a student's adult student grant may be renewed if the student does the following:

(1) Successfully completes at least eighteen (18) credit hours or their equivalent toward a certificate, nursing diploma, associate degree, or baccalaureate degree in the previous academic year.

(2) Demonstrates continuing financial need.



(3) Maintains at least a cumulative grade point average that the eligible institution determines is satisfactory academic progress.".

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1248 as printed January 19, 2016.)

KRUSE, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0.

