

HOUSE BILL No. 1300

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 21-13-5.5.

Synopsis: Reservist scholarship program. Establishes the armed forces reservist tuition scholarship program fund to provide scholarships to certain individuals actively serving in a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States. Provides that the commission for higher education may use money appropriated to the commission for any other purpose to award scholarships under the armed forces reservist tuition scholarship program.

Effective: July 1, 2019.

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January 14, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Ways and Means.



First Regular Session of the 121st General Assembly (2019)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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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 21-13-5.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2019]:
4 **Chapter 5.5. Armed Forces Reservist Tuition Scholarship**
5 **Program**
6 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "qualified degree program"**
7 **refers to a baccalaureate degree program in:**
8 (1) **teaching; or**
9 (2) **any program approved by the commission in any of the**
10 **following fields:**
11 (A) **Science.**
12 (B) **Technology.**
13 (C) **Engineering.**
14 (D) **Mathematics.**
15 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "scholarship applicant" refers to**
16 **an individual who is:**
17 (1) **a resident of Indiana;**



1 (2) currently actively serving in a reserve component of the
2 armed forces of the United States; and

3 (3) enrolled in a qualified degree program.

4 **Sec. 3. (a) The armed forces reservist tuition scholarship**
5 **program fund is established to provide the financial resources**
6 **necessary to award the tuition scholarships authorized under the**
7 **program.**

8 (b) The commission shall administer the fund.

9 (c) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from
10 money in the fund.

11 (d) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not
12 revert to the state general fund but remains available to be used for
13 providing money for armed forces reservist tuition scholarships
14 under this chapter.

15 **Sec. 4. Subject to section 5 of this chapter, money in the armed**
16 **forces reservist tuition scholarship program fund shall be used to**
17 **provide annual tuition scholarships to scholarship applicants in an**
18 **amount that is equal to one (1) of the following amounts:**

19 (1) If the scholarship applicant does not receive other
20 financial assistance specifically designated for educational
21 costs, the amount equal to a full tuition scholarship to attend
22 the state educational institution.

23 (2) If the scholarship applicant receives other financial
24 assistance specifically designated for educational costs, the
25 amount:

26 (A) equal to the balance required to attend the state
27 educational institution; and

28 (B) not to exceed the amount described in subdivision (1).

29 **Sec. 5. (a) Subject to subsection (b), each tuition scholarship**
30 **awarded under this chapter:**

31 (1) may be renewed under this chapter for a total tuition
32 scholarship award that does not exceed the equivalent of the
33 number of terms that constitutes four (4) undergraduate
34 academic years; and

35 (2) is subject to other eligibility criteria as established by the
36 commission.

37 (b) A tuition scholarship awarded under this chapter may not
38 be renewed if the scholarship applicant fails to maintain at least a
39 cumulative grade point average that the state educational
40 institution determines is satisfactory academic progress.

41 (c) The total of all tuition scholarships awarded under this
42 chapter in a state fiscal year may not exceed the amount available



1 **for distribution from the fund for tuition scholarships under this**
2 **chapter. If the total amount to be distributed from the fund in a**
3 **state fiscal year exceeds the amount available for distribution, the**
4 **amount to be distributed to each eligible scholarship applicant**
5 **shall be proportionately reduced so that the total reductions equal**
6 **the amount of the excess based on the relative financial need of**
7 **each eligible scholarship applicant.**
8 **Sec. 6. Notwithstanding any other law, the commission may use**
9 **money appropriated to the commission for any other purpose to**
10 **award tuition scholarships under this chapter. This section expires**
11 **July 1, 2021.**

