

HOUSE BILL No. 1321

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 21-12.

Synopsis: Twenty-first century scholars program. Defines, for purposes of the twenty-first century scholars program, "qualified early college student". Provides that a qualified early college student may apply to the commission for higher education for a twenty-first century scholarship to pay for postsecondary tuition costs associated with up to 30 postsecondary credit hours for dual credit or concurrent enrollment courses. Makes technical corrections.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 21-12-1-7.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2020]: **Sec. 7.7. "Early college" has the meaning set forth in**
4 **IC 21-43-1-2.7.**

5 SECTION 2. IC 21-12-1-13.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
6 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
7 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020]: **Sec. 13.5. "Qualified early college**
8 **student" refers to a student who:**

- 9 (1) **applies to participate in the twenty-first century scholars**
- 10 **program under IC 21-12-6-5;**
- 11 (2) **qualifies to receive free or reduced price lunch under the**
- 12 **national school lunch program; and**
- 13 (3) **has been enrolled in an early college program endorsed by**
- 14 **the University of Indianapolis's Center of Excellence in**
- 15 **Leadership of Learning (CELL) for at least one (1) year prior**
- 16 **to applying for a scholarship under IC 21-12-6-6.1.**

17 SECTION 3. IC 21-12-1-15, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2007,



1 SECTION 253, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 2 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 15. "Scholarship applicant" refers
 3 to an individual who qualifies for a twenty-first century scholarship
 4 under IC 21-12-6-6 **or IC 21-12-6-6.1.**

5 SECTION 4. IC 21-12-6-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.234-2015,
 6 SECTION 13, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 7 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 3. Money in the fund must be used to provide
 8 annual tuition scholarships to:

9 (1) qualified scholarship applicants who enroll as full-time
 10 students at a postsecondary educational institution that qualifies
 11 for participation in the program under section 4 of this chapter,
 12 unless it is transferred to another fund under this article at the
 13 direction of the commission under IC 21-12-1.2-2; **or**

14 (2) **qualified early college students.**

15 SECTION 5. IC 21-12-6-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.165-2016,
 16 SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 17 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 6. (a) A student may apply to the commission for
 18 a scholarship. To qualify for a scholarship, the student must meet the
 19 following requirements:

20 (1) Be an eligible student who qualified to participate in the
 21 program under section 5 of this chapter.

22 (2) Be a resident of Indiana.

23 (3) **Except as provided in section 6.1(c) of this chapter,** be a
 24 graduate from a secondary school located in Indiana that meets
 25 the admission criteria of an eligible institution and have achieved
 26 a cumulative grade point average in high school of:

27 (A) at least 2.0 on a 4.0 grading scale, if the student is
 28 expected to graduate from high school before July 1, 2014; and

29 (B) at least 2.5 on a 4.0 grading scale, if the student is
 30 expected to graduate from high school after June 30, 2014.

31 (4) **Except as provided in section 6.1(c) of this chapter,** have
 32 applied to attend and be accepted to attend as a full-time student
 33 at an eligible institution.

34 (5) **Except as provided in section 6.1(c) of this chapter,** certify
 35 in writing that before the student's graduation from high school
 36 the student:

37 (A) did not illegally use controlled substances (as defined in
 38 IC 35-48-1-9);

39 (B) did not illegally consume alcoholic beverages;

40 (C) did not commit any other crime or a delinquent act (as
 41 described in IC 31-37-1-2 or IC 31-37-2-2 through
 42 IC 31-37-2-5 (or IC 31-6-4-1(a)(1) through IC 31-6-4-1(a)(5))



- 1 before their repeal));
- 2 (D) timely filed an application for other types of financial
- 3 assistance available to the student from the state or federal
- 4 government; and
- 5 (E) completed an academic success program required under
- 6 the rules adopted by the commission.
- 7 (6) Submit to the commission all the information and evidence
- 8 required by the commission to determine eligibility as a
- 9 scholarship applicant.
- 10 (7) ~~This subdivision applies only to applicants who initially enroll~~
- 11 ~~in the program under section 5 of this chapter or IC 21-12-6.5-2~~
- 12 ~~after June 30, 2011. For purposes of this chapter, applicants who~~
- 13 ~~are enrolled in the program before July 1, 2011, will not have an~~
- 14 ~~income or financial resources test applied to them when they~~
- 15 ~~subsequently apply for a scholarship. **Except as provided in**~~
- 16 ~~**section 6.1(c) of this chapter,** have a lack of financial resources~~
- 17 ~~reasonably available to the applicant, as defined by the~~
- 18 ~~commission, that, in the absence of an award under this chapter,~~
- 19 ~~would deter the scholarship applicant from completing the~~
- 20 ~~applicant's education at the approved postsecondary educational~~
- 21 ~~institution that the applicant has selected and that has accepted~~
- 22 ~~the applicant. **For purposes of this chapter, applicants who are**~~
- 23 ~~**enrolled in the program before July 1, 2011, will not have an**~~
- 24 ~~**income or financial resources test applied to them when they**~~
- 25 ~~**subsequently apply for a scholarship.**~~
- 26 (8) Meet any other minimum criteria established by the
- 27 commission.
- 28 (b) ~~This section applies to an individual who graduates from high~~
- 29 ~~school after December 31, 2011. **Except as provided in section 6.1(c)**~~
- 30 ~~**of this chapter,** to be eligible for a scholarship under this section, a~~
- 31 ~~student must initially attend an eligible institution described in~~
- 32 ~~subsection (a)(4) not later than the fall semester (or its equivalent, as~~
- 33 ~~determined by the commission) in the year immediately following the~~
- 34 ~~year in which the student graduates from high school.~~
- 35 SECTION 6. IC 21-12-6-6.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
- 36 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
- 37 1, 2020]: **Sec. 6.1. (a) A qualified early college student may apply to**
- 38 **the commission for a scholarship to be used to pay postsecondary**
- 39 **education tuition costs associated with not more than thirty (30)**
- 40 **postsecondary credit hours or the equivalent of dual credit or**
- 41 **concurrent enrollment courses provided to the student in high**
- 42 **school if:**



1 (1) the course in which the scholarship is to be used is not
2 taught by a teacher of record;

3 (2) the course for which the scholarship is to be used is
4 conducted online or on the campus of the university or college
5 in which the student is charged normal tuition rates; and

6 (3) except as provided in subsection (c), a qualified early
7 college student meets the requirements under section 6 of this
8 chapter at the time the student applies for a scholarship under
9 this section.

10 (b) The scholarship may not be used to pay costs incurred or
11 tuition charged by the high school to provide the dual credit or
12 concurrent credit course.

13 (c) A qualified early learning college student must meet the
14 requirements set forth in section 6(a)(3), 6(a)(4), 6(a)(5), 6(a)(7),
15 6(a)(8), and 6(b) of this chapter before the student may obtain a
16 scholarship under this chapter after the student graduates high
17 school. In order to receive a scholarship under this section, a
18 qualified early college student must meet the following
19 requirements:

20 (1) Maintain a cumulative grade point average in high school
21 of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 grading scale.

22 (2) Certify in writing that the student:

23 (A) did not illegally use controlled substances (as defined
24 in IC 35-48-1-9);

25 (B) did not illegally consume alcoholic beverages; and

26 (C) did not commit any other crime or a delinquent act (as
27 described in IC 31-37-1-2 or IC 31-37-2-2 through
28 IC 31-37-2-5).

29 (d) The commission shall provide qualified early learning
30 college students who receive a scholarship under this section notice
31 that the student's scholarship will be proportionally reduced under
32 section 8 of this chapter.

33 SECTION 7. IC 21-12-6-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.215-2018(ss),
34 SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
35 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 7. (a) Subject to IC 21-12-13-2, a scholarship
36 awarded under section 6 or 6.1 of this chapter or this section may be
37 renewed. **For a scholarship recipient who is a high school graduate**
38 **to qualify for a scholarship renewal, a the scholarship recipient must**
39 **do the following:**

40 (1) Submit to the commission a renewal application that contains
41 all the information and evidence required by the commission to
42 determine eligibility for the scholarship renewal.



- 1 (2) Continue to be enrolled as a full-time student in good standing
 2 at an eligible institution.
- 3 (3) ~~This subdivision applies only to applicants who initially enroll~~
 4 ~~in the program under section 5 of this chapter or IC 21-12-6.5-2~~
 5 ~~after June 30, 2011. For purposes of this chapter, applicants who~~
 6 ~~are enrolled in the program before July 1, 2011, will not have an~~
 7 ~~income or financial resources test applied to them when they~~
 8 ~~subsequently apply to renew a scholarship. Continue to have a~~
 9 ~~lack of financial resources reasonably available to the applicant,~~
 10 ~~as defined by the commission, that, in the absence of an award~~
 11 ~~under this chapter, would deter the scholarship applicant from~~
 12 ~~completing the applicant's education at the approved~~
 13 ~~postsecondary educational institution that the applicant has~~
 14 ~~selected and that has accepted the applicant. **For purposes of this**~~
 15 ~~**chapter, applicants who are enrolled in the program before**~~
 16 ~~**July 1, 2011, will not have an income or financial resources**~~
 17 ~~**test applied to them when they subsequently apply to renew**~~
 18 ~~**a scholarship.**~~
- 19 (4) Maintain satisfactory academic progress, as determined by the
 20 eligible institution.
- 21 (5) If the student initially enrolls in an eligible institution for an
 22 academic year beginning after August 31, 2019, complete a
 23 student success program designed by the commission in
 24 coordination with eligible institutions.
- 25 (6) Beginning in an academic year beginning after August 31,
 26 2017, the student successfully completes:
- 27 (A) at least thirty (30) credit hours or the equivalent during the
 28 last academic year in which the student received state financial
 29 aid; or
- 30 (B) at least thirty (30) credit hours or the equivalent during the
 31 last academic year in which the student was enrolled in
 32 postsecondary education.
- 33 (7) Continue to meet any other minimum criteria established by
 34 the commission.
- 35 (b) In determining eligibility under subsection (a)(6), the
 36 commission shall apply all the following types of credits regardless of
 37 whether the credits were completed during the last academic year
 38 described in subsection (a)(6)(A) or (a)(6)(B):
- 39 (1) Credits earned from dual credit, advanced placement,
 40 Cambridge International, and international baccalaureate courses.
- 41 (2) College credits earned during high school.
- 42 (3) Credits earned exceeding thirty (30) credit hours during a



1 previous academic year in which a student received state financial
2 aid.

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

10 SECTION 8. IC 21-12-6-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.281-2013,
11 SECTION 18, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
12 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 8. A scholarship may be renewed under this
13 chapter for a total scholarship award that does not exceed the number
14 of academic terms that constitutes four (4) undergraduate academic
15 years **excluding academic terms completed by a qualified early**
16 **college student under section 6.1 of this chapter while the student**
17 **is in high school. The total scholarship award shall be**
18 **proportionally reduced by the amount received by a qualified early**
19 **college student under section 6.1 of this chapter.**

