

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

EH 1001 # 31

DIGEST

Education and higher education matters. Removes a provision from the definition of "ESA qualified expenses" in SECTION 4 of the current bill regarding curricular materials and supplemental materials. Removes all provisions (SECTIONS 8 through 30 and 32 through 33) from the bill related to and concerning: (1) higher education awards; (2) freedom of choice grants; (3) scholarships under the twenty-first century scholars program; (4) creation by the commission for higher education (commission) of a list of intermediaries, employers, and labor organizations approved to receive reimbursement from a: (A) higher education award; (B) freedom of choice grant; and (C) scholarship under the twenty-first century scholars program. Establishes the training grant program and fund to provide training grants to eligible applicants. Provides that the commission shall administer the fund. Provides the qualification requirements for an eligible applicant. Allows the commission to provide reimbursement of training cost incurred by intermediaries, employers, and labor organizations under this program. Provides that the program applies in each state fiscal year in which the general assembly makes appropriations for training grants. Makes technical corrections.

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- 1 Page 4, delete lines 6 through 11.
- 2 Page 9, delete lines 21 through 42, begin a new paragraph and
- 3 insert:
- 4 "SECTION 8. IC 21-12-8.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
- 5 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 6 JULY 1, 2025]:
- 7 **Chapter 8.5. Training Grant Program and Fund**
- 8 **Sec. 1. This chapter applies in each state fiscal year in which the**
- 9 **general assembly makes appropriations for training grants.**
- 10 **Sec. 2. (a) For purposes of this chapter, "employer" means an**
- 11 **employer approved by the commission.**
- 12 **(b) For purposes of this chapter, "fund" refers to the training**
- 13 **grant fund established by section 3 of this chapter.**
- 14 **(c) For purposes of this chapter, "intermediary" has the**
- 15 **meaning set forth in IC 21-18-1-3.5. In addition, an intermediary**
- 16 **for purposes of this chapter must be approved by the commission.**
- 17 **(d) For purposes of this chapter, "labor organization" has the**
- 18 **meaning set forth in IC 22-6-6-5. In addition, a labor organization**
- 19 **for purposes of this chapter must be approved by the commission.**
- 20 **Sec. 3. (a) The training grant program and fund is established**

1 for the purpose of awarding training grants under this chapter.
 2 The commission shall administer the fund.

3 (b) The fund consists of appropriations from the general
 4 assembly.

5 (c) The expenses of administering the fund may be paid from
 6 money in the fund.

7 (d) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not
 8 currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same
 9 manner as other public money may be invested. Interest that
 10 accrues from these investments shall be deposited in the fund.

11 **Sec. 4. An applicant is eligible for a training grant under this**
 12 **chapter if the applicant meets the following requirements:**

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

15 (2) The applicant has been granted:

16 (A) a high school equivalency certificate before July 1,
 17 1995; or

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

21 (3) The financial resources reasonably available to the
 22 applicant, as defined by the commission, are such that, in the
 23 absence of the training grant, the applicant would be
 24 prohibited from entering the profession. In determining the
 25 financial resources reasonably available to an applicant, the
 26 commission must consider the financial resources of the
 27 applicant's legal parent.

28 (4) The applicant will use the training grant for training by an
 29 intermediary, an employer, or a labor organization under this
 30 chapter.

31 (5) The student is not eligible to receive any other scholarship
 32 under this article.

33 (6) The student is not eligible to receive a:

34 (A) National Guard tuition supplement grant under
 35 IC 21-13-4; or

36 (B) scholarship under the National Guard scholarship
 37 extension program under IC 21-13-5.

38 **Sec. 5. (a) A training grant recipient may only apply a grant**
 39 **amount received under this chapter to the cost of training by an**
 40 **intermediary, an employer, or a labor organization approved by**

1 the commission under IC 21-18-19-1.

2 (b) An intermediary, an employer, or a labor organization that:

3 (1) provides training to a training grant recipient;

4 (2) incurs expenses associated with the provision of training
5 under subdivision (1); and

6 (3) meets any other requirements or limitations established by
7 the commission;

8 shall give written notice to the commission of the expenses that it
9 has incurred under subdivision (2).

10 (c) An intermediary, an employer, or a labor organization that
11 meets the requirements under subsection (b) may, subject to
12 available funding, receive payment of the expenses described in
13 subsection (b)(2) provided by the training grant.

14 (d) The annual grant amount for a training grant recipient may
15 not exceed the amount determined by the commission for a higher
16 education award under IC 21-12-1.7-3 for Ivy Tech Community
17 College.

18 (e) An applicant may not receive more than one (1) training
19 grant under this article.

20 Sec. 6. (a) The commission shall publish annually a schedule of
21 award amounts for training grants issued under this chapter. The
22 schedule must provide award amounts on the basis of a needs
23 calculation, which shall be derived from information submitted by
24 the recipient in a manner prescribed by the commission.

25 (b) The commission shall determine award amounts for an
26 intermediary, an employer, or a labor organization that may be
27 differentiated by industry and other criteria determined by the
28 commission.

29 Sec. 7. The commission shall publish and make available to
30 every applicant all of its rules governing the awarding and denial
31 of training grants under this chapter. The rules must state
32 specifically the conditions under which a training grant once issued
33 may be withdrawn or reduced.

34 Sec. 8. For each academic year, applicants who are least able to
35 provide funds for the cost of training shall be given priority in
36 awarding training grants under this chapter.

37 Sec. 9. The commission may not provide assistance under this
38 chapter to an applicant or recipient who is:

39 (1) convicted of a felony;

40 (2) sentenced to a term of imprisonment for that felony; and

1 **(3) confined for that felony at a penal facility (as defined in**
2 **IC 35-31.5-2-232).**

3 **Sec. 10. The commission shall certify to the state comptroller the**
4 **name and address of every applicant to which a training grant has**
5 **been issued. A training grant is effective during the academic year**
6 **immediately following its award, and records and accounts relating**
7 **to it shall be kept accordingly.**

8 **Sec. 11. If a trainee enrolled in an intermediary, an employer,**
9 **or a labor organization training program ceases for any reason to**
10 **be in good standing or does not complete the training provided by**
11 **the intermediary, an employer, or a labor organization, the**
12 **intermediary, employer, or labor organization shall promptly give**
13 **written notice to the commission and the reason for it.**

14 **Sec. 12. Each intermediary, employer, or labor organization**
15 **shall provide to the commission evidence of the expenses incurred**
16 **for the training as described under section 5(b)(2) of this chapter,**
17 **in a manner prescribed by the commission."**

18 Delete pages 10 through 27.

19 Page 28, delete lines 1 through 10.

20 Page 29, line 17, delete "doctorate" and insert "**doctoral**".

21 Page 29, line 20, delete "doctorate" and insert "**doctoral**".

22 Page 29, delete lines 31 through 42.

23 Delete pages 30 through 31.

24 Page 32, delete lines 1 through 12.

25 ReNUMBER all SECTIONS consecutively.

(Reference is to EHB 1001 as printed February 23, 2024.)