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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7183

BILL NUMBER: HB 1553

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 4, 2021

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Behning

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: The bill changes the eligibility requirements for the Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship and provides that a student may qualify for the scholarship by achieving a cumulative grade point average upon graduation of at least a 3.75 on a 4.0 grading scale during grades 9, 10, 11, and 12. The bill also requires the Commission for Higher Education (CHE) to give priority to an individual who is: (1) a recent high school graduate; (2) pursuing a teacher shortage area; (3) showing significant financial need; or (4) a member of a household with an annual income of not more than the amount required for the individual to qualify for the free or reduced price lunch program as determined for the immediately preceding taxable year.

Effective Date: July 1, 2021.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *CHE:* The bill's requirements represent an additional workload on CHE to make administrative changes to eligibility requirements and to how priority is determined when awarding Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarships. CHE should be able to implement the changes with no additional appropriations, assuming near customary agency staffing and resource levels.

Additional Information: The Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship program provides 200 awards annually, the bill is not anticipated to impact the number of awards/distributions. Each scholarship provides up to \$7,500 each year for four academic years.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Commission for Higher Education.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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