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## COMMITTEE REPORT

<b>YES:</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>NO:</b>	<b>0</b>

**MR. SPEAKER:**

*Your Committee on Education, to which was referred House Bill 1553, 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:*

- 1           Page 1, between the enacting clause and line 1, begin a new
- 2           paragraph and insert:
- 3           "SECTION 1. IC 21-12-13-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.81-2019,
- 4           SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 5           JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 2. (a) This section applies to the following
- 6           scholarship, stipend, and fee remission statutes:
- 7           (1) IC 21-12-3.
- 8           (2) IC 21-12-4.
- 9           (3) IC 21-12-6.
- 10          (4) IC 21-13-2.
- 11          (5) IC 21-13-7.
- 12          (6) IC 21-13-8.
- 13          (7) IC 21-13-4.

1 (8) IC 21-14-5.

2 (9) IC 21-12-16.

3 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c), and except for a stipend  
4 granted under IC 21-13-8 to an individual described in  
5 IC 21-13-8-1(b)(2)(B), a grant or reduction in tuition or fees, including  
6 all renewals and extensions, under any of the laws listed in subsection  
7 (a) may not exceed the number of terms that constitutes:

8 **(1) except as provided in subdivision (2), four (4) undergraduate**  
9 **academic years, as determined by the commission; or**

10 **(2) for purposes of IC 21-13-4, six (6) academic years as**  
11 **determined by the commission;**

12 and must be used within eight (8) years after the date the individual  
13 first applies and becomes eligible for benefits under the applicable law.

14 (c) The commission may, subject to the availability of funds, extend  
15 eligibility under subsection (b) for a recipient who used a grant or  
16 reduction in tuition or fees under any of the statutes listed in subsection  
17 (a) at a postsecondary educational institution that closed. The extension  
18 of eligibility may not exceed the number of terms used by the recipient  
19 at the postsecondary educational institution that closed."

20 Page 1, line 16, delete "3.75" and insert "**3.5**".

21 Page 2, after line 32, begin a new paragraph and insert:

22 "SECTION 3. IC 21-13-1-4, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2007, SECTION  
23 254, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
24 1, 2021]: Sec. 4. "Eligible student", for purposes of section 8 of this  
25 chapter, means a person who:

26 (1) is a member of the Indiana National Guard:

27 (A) in active drilling status; and

28 (B) who has not been absent without leave within the twelve  
29 (12) months immediately preceding the date the person applies  
30 for a tuition scholarship under this chapter;

31 ~~(2) does not possess a bachelor's degree from an approved~~  
32 ~~postsecondary educational institution;~~

33 ~~(3)~~ (2) possesses the requisite academic qualifications;

34 ~~(4)~~ (3) meets the requirements of the state educational institution  
35 in which the person is enrolled or will enroll; and

36 ~~(5)~~ (4) meets all other eligibility requirements as determined by  
37 the commission.

38 SECTION 4. IC 21-13-4-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2007, SECTION

1 254, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 2 1, 2021]: Sec. 2. Money in the National Guard tuition supplement  
 3 program fund shall be used to provide annual scholarships to  
 4 scholarship applicants in an amount that is equal to one (1) of the  
 5 following amounts:

6 (1) If the scholarship applicant does not receive other financial  
 7 assistance specifically designated for educational costs, the  
 8 amount equal to a full **undergraduate** tuition scholarship,  
 9 **regardless as to whether the student uses the scholarship for**  
 10 **undergraduate or graduate educational costs**, to attend the  
 11 state educational institution.

12 (2) If the scholarship applicant receives other financial assistance  
 13 specifically designated for educational costs, the amount:

14 (A) equal to the balance required to attend the state  
 15 educational institution; and

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

17 SECTION 5. IC 21-13-4-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.217-2015,  
 18 SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 19 JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 3. (a) Subject to subsection (b), each scholarship  
 20 awarded under this chapter:

21 (1) may be renewed under this chapter for a total scholarship  
 22 award that does not exceed the equivalent of the number of terms  
 23 that constitutes ~~four (4) undergraduate~~ **six (6) academic years as**  
 24 **determined by the commission**; and

25 (2) is subject to other eligibility criteria as established by the  
 26 commission.

27 (b) A scholarship awarded under this chapter may not be renewed  
 28 if the eligible individual fails to maintain at least a cumulative grade

1 point average that the eligible institution determines is satisfactory  
2 academic progress."

3 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.  
(Reference is to HB 1553 as introduced.)

**and when so amended that said bill do pass.**

Representative Behning

