

HOUSE BILL No. 1085

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 21-12-13-2; IC 21-13.

Synopsis: Eligibility for National Guard supplemental grant. Provides that the National Guard tuition supplement program may be used by a scholarship applicant for graduate credits.

Effective: July 1, 2021.

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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 21-12-13-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.81-2019,
2 SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 2. (a) This section applies to the following
4 scholarship, stipend, and fee remission statutes:
5 (1) IC 21-12-3.
6 (2) IC 21-12-4.
7 (3) IC 21-12-6.
8 (4) IC 21-13-2.
9 (5) IC 21-13-7.
10 (6) IC 21-13-8.
11 (7) IC 21-13-4.
12 (8) IC 21-14-5.
13 (9) IC 21-12-16.
14 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c), and except for a stipend
15 granted under IC 21-13-8 to an individual described in
16 IC 21-13-8-1(b)(2)(B), a grant or reduction in tuition or fees, including
17 all renewals and extensions, under any of the laws listed in subsection



1 (a) may not exceed the number of terms that constitutes:

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

4 **(2) for purposes of IC 21-13-4, six (6) academic years which**
5 **may not exceed an amount the student would receive for four**
6 **(4) full undergraduate academic years, as determined by the**
7 **commission;**

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

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

16 SECTION 2. IC 21-13-1-4, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2007, SECTION
17 254, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
18 1, 2021]: Sec. 4. "Eligible student", for purposes of section 8 of this
19 chapter, means a person who:

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

21 (A) in active drilling status; and

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

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

27 ~~(3)~~ **(2)** possesses the requisite academic qualifications;

28 ~~(4)~~ **(3)** meets the requirements of the state educational institution
29 in which the person is enrolled or will enroll; and

30 ~~(5)~~ **(4)** meets all other eligibility requirements as determined by
31 the commission.

32 SECTION 3. IC 21-13-4-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2007, SECTION
33 254, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
34 1, 2021]: Sec. 2. Money in the National Guard tuition supplement
35 program fund shall be used to provide annual scholarships to
36 scholarship applicants in an amount that is equal to one (1) of the
37 following amounts:

38 (1) If the scholarship applicant does not receive other financial
39 assistance specifically designated for educational costs, the
40 amount equal to a full **undergraduate** tuition scholarship,
41 **regardless as to whether the student uses the scholarship for**
42 **undergraduate or graduate educational costs,** to attend the



- 1 state educational institution.
- 2 (2) If the scholarship applicant receives other financial assistance
- 3 specifically designated for educational costs, the amount:
- 4 (A) equal to the balance required to attend the state
- 5 educational institution; and
- 6 (B) not to exceed the amount described in subdivision (1).
- 7 SECTION 4. IC 21-13-4-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.217-2015,
- 8 SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 9 JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 3. (a) Subject to subsection (b), each scholarship
- 10 awarded under this chapter:
- 11 (1) may be renewed under this chapter for a total scholarship
- 12 award that does not exceed the equivalent of the number of terms
- 13 that constitutes ~~four (4) undergraduate~~ **six (6)** academic years
- 14 **which may not exceed an amount the student would receive**
- 15 **for four (4) full undergraduate academic years, as determined**
- 16 **by the commission;** and
- 17 (2) is subject to other eligibility criteria as established by the
- 18 commission.
- 19 (b) A scholarship awarded under this chapter may not be renewed
- 20 if the eligible individual fails to maintain at least a cumulative grade
- 21 point average that the eligible institution determines is satisfactory
- 22 academic progress.

