

HOUSE BILL No. 1248

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 21-12.

Synopsis: State financial aid. Amends, applying in an academic year beginning after August 31, 2017, the definition of "accelerated progress" for purposes of additional awards for state financial aid for higher education. Amends, beginning in an academic year beginning after August 31, 2017, eligibility requirements for: (1) larger award amounts under the Frank O'Bannon grant; (2) renewal of Frank O'Bannon grant awards; and (3) renewal of scholarships under the twenty-first century scholars program. Removes a provision that allows the commission for higher education to increase, but not decrease, amounts of Frank O'Bannon grant awards. Amends an eligibility requirement for the Frank O'Bannon grant. Provides that a student who participates in a technical certificate or associate degree program at Vincennes University is eligible to receive a Frank O'Bannon grant. Restates and amends the eligibility requirements for the twenty-first century scholars program and scholarship. Requires that the expense of administering the adult student grant fund be paid from money in the fund. Amends eligibility requirements for the Mitch Daniels early graduation scholarship.

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HOUSE BILL No. 1248

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 21-12-1.7-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.281-2013,
2 SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 2. **(a) This subsection expires June 30, 2017.** For
4 purposes of this chapter, "accelerated progress" means successfully
5 completing

- 6 (1) at least thirty-nine (39) credit hours or the equivalent by the
7 end of the student's first academic year; or
- 8 (2) at least seventy-eight (78) credit hours or the equivalent by the
9 end of the student's second academic year.

10 **(b) This subsection applies to an academic year beginning after**
11 **August 31, 2017. For purposes of this chapter, "accelerated**
12 **progress" means successfully completing at least thirty-nine (39)**
13 **credit hours or the equivalent during the student's first academic**
14 **year or second academic year.**

15 SECTION 2. IC 21-12-1.7-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.2-2014,
16 SECTION 91, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
17 JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 3. (a) This section applies to an academic year



1 beginning after August 31, 2014. The commission shall publish
 2 annually a schedule of award amounts for the higher education award
 3 and freedom of choice grant issued under this article. The schedule
 4 must provide award amounts on the basis of the recipient's expected
 5 family contribution. The expected family contribution shall be derived
 6 from information submitted on the recipient's financial aid application
 7 form. The commission shall determine award amounts separately for:

- 8 (1) recipients attending approved public state educational
 9 institutions (except Ivy Tech Community College);
 10 (2) Ivy Tech Community College;
 11 (3) recipients attending a nonprofit college or university listed in
 12 IC 21-7-13-6(a)(1)(C); and
 13 (4) recipients attending approved postsecondary credit bearing
 14 proprietary institutions.

15 **(b) This subsection expires June 30, 2017.** The schedule of award
 16 amounts published under subsection (a) shall offer a larger award to a
 17 recipient who, as of the student's most recently concluded academic
 18 year, has successfully completed:

- 19 (1) at least thirty (30) credit hours or the equivalent by the end of
 20 the student's first academic year;
 21 (2) at least sixty (60) credit hours or the equivalent by the end of
 22 the student's second academic year; or
 23 (3) at least ninety (90) credit hours or the equivalent by the end of
 24 the student's third academic year.

25 A student's academic years used to determine if the student meets the
 26 requirements of this subdivision are not required to be successive
 27 calendar years.

28 **(c) This subsection applies to an academic year beginning after**
 29 **August 31, 2017. The schedule of award amounts published under**
 30 **subsection (a) must offer a larger award to first time and prior**
 31 **recipients who successfully completed:**

- 32 (1) at least thirty (30) credit hours or the equivalent during
 33 the last academic year in which the student received state
 34 financial aid; or
 35 (2) at least thirty (30) credit hours or the equivalent during
 36 the last academic year in which the student was enrolled in a
 37 postsecondary educational institution.

38 **(d) In determining eligibility under subsection (c), the**
 39 **commission shall apply all the following types of credits:**

- 40 (1) Credits earned from dual credit, advanced placement, and
 41 international baccalaureate courses.
 42 (2) College credits earned during high school.



1 **(3) Credits earned exceeding thirty (30) credit hours during**
 2 **a previous academic year in which a student received state**
 3 **financial aid.**

4 ~~(c)~~ (e) The schedule of award amounts shall set forth an amount for
 5 recipients described in subsection (a)(1) that is equal to fifty percent
 6 (50%) of the amount for recipients described in subsection (a)(3).

7 ~~(d)~~ (f) This subsection expires September 1, 2016. A student that
 8 initially enrolls in an eligible institution for an academic year beginning
 9 before September 1, 2013, is eligible for the larger award determined
 10 under subsection (b) regardless of the student's credit completion.

11 SECTION 3. IC 21-12-1.7-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.234-2015,
 12 SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 13 JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 5. ~~(a)~~ If the sum of awards under sections 3 and
 14 4 of this chapter exceeds the appropriation in a given year, the
 15 commission shall reduce the level of awards offered under section 4 of
 16 this chapter as necessary so that the sum of awards under sections 3
 17 and 4 of this chapter does not exceed the appropriation.

18 ~~(b) The commission may increase, but shall not decrease, the~~
 19 ~~amounts of awards published under section 3 of this chapter from the~~
 20 ~~amount offered the previous academic year.~~

21 SECTION 4. IC 21-12-3-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.217-2015,
 22 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 23 JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 1. (a) An applicant is eligible for a first year
 24 higher education award under this chapter if the student meets the
 25 following requirements:

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

28 (2) The applicant:

29 (A) has successfully completed the program of instruction at
 30 an approved secondary school;

31 (B) has been granted a:

32 (i) high school equivalency certificate before July 1, 1995;

33 or

34 (ii) state of Indiana general educational development (GED)
 35 diploma under IC 20-10.1-12.1 (before its repeal),
 36 IC 20-20-6 (before its repeal), or IC 22-4.1-18; or

37 (C) is a student in good standing at an approved secondary
 38 school and is engaged in a program that in due course will be
 39 completed by the end of the current academic year.

40 (3) The financial resources reasonably available to the applicant,
 41 as defined by the commission, are such that, in the absence of a
 42 higher education award under this chapter, the applicant would be



1 deterred from completing the applicant's education at the
 2 approved postsecondary educational institution that the applicant
 3 has selected and that has accepted the applicant. In determining
 4 the financial resources reasonably available to an applicant to
 5 whom IC 21-18.5-4-8 applies, the commission must consider the
 6 financial resources of the applicant's legal parent.

7 (4) The applicant will use the award initially at that approved
 8 postsecondary educational institution.

9 (5) ~~If~~ The student is ~~already~~ enrolled **full time** in an approved
 10 postsecondary educational institution ~~the applicant must be a~~
 11 ~~full-time student~~ and ~~be~~ making satisfactory progress, as
 12 determined by the ~~commission~~, **postsecondary educational**
 13 **institution**, toward a first baccalaureate degree.

14 (6) The student declares, in writing, a specific educational
 15 objective or course of study and enrolls in:

16 (A) courses that apply toward the requirements for completion
 17 of that objective or course of study; or

18 (B) courses designed to help the student develop the basic
 19 skills that the student needs to successfully achieve that
 20 objective or continue in that course of study.

21 (7) The student is not eligible to receive a twenty-first century
 22 scholarship under IC 21-12-6.

23 (8) The student is not eligible to receive a:

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

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

28 (b) This subsection applies to an individual who:

29 (1) meets the requirements set forth in subsection (a); and

30 (2) before the date that eligibility is determined by the
 31 commission, has been placed by or with the consent of the
 32 department of child services, by a court order, or by a licensed
 33 child placing agency in:

34 (A) a foster family home;

35 (B) the home of a relative or other unlicensed caretaker;

36 (C) a child caring institution; or

37 (D) a group home.

38 The commission shall consider an individual to whom this subsection
 39 applies as a full-need student under the commission's rules when
 40 determining the eligibility of the individual to receive financial aid
 41 administered by the commission under this chapter.

42 SECTION 5. IC 21-12-3-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.107-2012,



1 SECTION 17, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
2 JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 4. A student who:

3 (1) participates in:

4 (A) a nursing diploma program that is accredited by the
5 Indiana state board of nursing and operated by a hospital;

6 (B) a technical certificate or associate degree program at Ivy
7 Tech Community College; ~~or~~

8 **(C) a technical certificate or associate degree program at
9 Vincennes University; or**

10 ~~(D)~~ **(D)** an associate degree program at a postsecondary credit
11 bearing proprietary educational institution that qualifies as an
12 approved postsecondary educational institution; and

13 (2) meets the requirements in sections 1 and 2 of this chapter for
14 a first year higher education award except the requirement of
15 satisfactory progress toward a first baccalaureate degree;

16 is eligible to receive a state higher education award under this chapter.
17 However, the student must make satisfactory progress toward obtaining
18 the diploma, technical certificate, or associate degree to remain eligible
19 for the award.

20 SECTION 6. IC 21-12-3-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.281-2013,
21 SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
22 JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 9. **(a)** A higher education award for a student in
23 a program leading to a baccalaureate degree may be renewed for a total
24 of three (3) undergraduate academic years following the academic year
25 of the first award or until an earlier time as the student receives a
26 degree normally obtained in four (4) undergraduate academic years. A
27 higher education award for a student in a program leading to a
28 technical certificate or an undergraduate associate degree may be
29 renewed for the number of academic years normally required to obtain
30 a certificate or degree in the student's program. The commission may
31 grant a renewal only upon application and only upon its finding that:

32 (1) the applicant has successfully completed the work of a
33 preceding year;

34 (2) the applicant remains domiciled in Indiana;

35 (3) the recipient's financial situation continues to warrant an
36 award, based on the financial requirements set forth in section
37 (1)(a)(3) of this chapter;

38 (4) the applicant is eligible under section 2 of this chapter;

39 (5) ~~if the student initially enrolls in an eligible institution for a~~
40 ~~semester (or its equivalent) beginning after June 30, 2012;~~ the
41 student maintains at least a cumulative grade point average that
42 the eligible institution determines is satisfactory academic



1 progress; and

2 **(6) beginning in an academic year beginning after August 31,**
 3 **2017, the student successfully completes:**

4 **(A) at least twenty-four (24) credit hours or the equivalent**
 5 **during the last academic year in which the student**
 6 **received state financial aid; or**

7 **(B) at least twenty-four (24) credit hours or the equivalent**
 8 **during the last academic year in which the student was**
 9 **enrolled in a postsecondary educational institution; and**

10 ~~(6)~~ **(7) if the student initially enrolls in an eligible institution for**
 11 **an academic year beginning after August 31, 2013, the student**
 12 **successfully completes:**

13 **(A) at least twenty-four (24) credit hours or the equivalent by**
 14 **the end of the student's first academic year;**

15 **(B) at least forty-eight (48) credit hours or the equivalent by**
 16 **the end of the student's second academic year; and**

17 **(C) at least seventy-two (72) credit hours or the equivalent by**
 18 **the end of the student's third academic year.**

19 A student's academic years used to determine if the student meets
 20 the requirements of this subdivision are not required to be
 21 successive calendar years. A recipient who fails to meet the credit
 22 hour requirement for a particular academic year becomes
 23 ineligible for an award during the next academic year. The
 24 recipient may regain eligibility for an award in subsequent
 25 academic years if the recipient meets the aggregate credit hour
 26 requirements commensurate with the recipient's academic
 27 standing. In addition, the commission may allow a student who is
 28 otherwise ineligible under this subdivision for an award during
 29 the next academic year to maintain eligibility for an award if the
 30 student submits a petition to the commission and the commission
 31 makes a determination that extenuating circumstances (as
 32 determined by the commission) prevented the student from
 33 meeting the requirements of this subdivision. **This subdivision**
 34 **expires June 30, 2017.**

35 **(b) In determining eligibility under subsection (a)(6), the**
 36 **commission shall apply all the following types of credits:**

37 **(1) Credits earned from dual credit, advanced placement, and**
 38 **international baccalaureate courses.**

39 **(2) College credits earned during high school.**

40 **(3) Credits earned exceeding thirty (30) credit hours during**
 41 **a previous academic year in which a student received state**
 42 **financial aid.**



1 SECTION 7. IC 21-12-6-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.281-2013,
2 SECTION 16, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 5. (a) **Unless a student qualifies under**
4 **subsection (b)**, to qualify to participate in the program, a student must
5 meet the following requirements:

6 (1) Be a resident of Indiana.

7 (2) Be:

8 (A) enrolled in grade 7 or 8 at a:

9 (i) public school; or

10 (ii) nonpublic school that is accredited either by the state
11 board of education or by a national or regional accrediting
12 agency whose accreditation is accepted as a school
13 improvement plan under IC 20-31-4-2; or

14 (B) otherwise qualified under the rules of the commission that
15 are adopted under IC 21-18.5-4-9(2) to include students who
16 are in grades other than grade 8 as eligible students.

17 (3) Be a member of a household with an annual income of not
18 more than the amount required for the individual to qualify for
19 free or reduced priced lunches under the national school lunch
20 program, as determined for the immediately preceding taxable
21 year for the household **for which the student was claimed as a**
22 **dependent.**

23 (4) Agree, in writing, together with the student's custodial parents
24 or guardian, that the student will:

25 (A) graduate from a secondary school located in Indiana that
26 meets the admission criteria of an eligible institution;

27 (B) not illegally use controlled substances (as defined in
28 IC 35-48-1-9);

29 (C) not commit a crime or an infraction described in
30 IC 9-30-5;

31 (D) not commit any other crime or delinquent act (as described
32 in IC 31-37-1-2 or IC 31-37-2-2 through IC 31-37-2-5 (or
33 IC 31-6-4-1(a)(1) through IC 31-6-4-1(a)(5) before their
34 repeal));

35 (E) timely apply, when the eligible student is a senior in high
36 school:

37 (i) for admission to an eligible institution; and

38 (ii) for any federal and state student financial assistance
39 available to the eligible student to attend an eligible
40 institution;

41 (F) achieve a cumulative grade point average upon graduation
42 of:



- 1 (i) at least 2.0, if the student graduates from high school
 2 before July 1, 2014; and
 3 (ii) at least 2.5, if the student graduates from high school
 4 after June 30, 2014;
 5 on a 4.0 grading scale (or its equivalent if another grading
 6 scale is used) for courses taken during grades 9, 10, 11, and
 7 12; and
 8 (G) ~~participate in~~ **complete** an academic success program
 9 required under the rules adopted by the commission, if the
 10 student initially enrolls in high school after June 30, 2013.
- 11 (b) A student ~~is also qualified~~ **qualifies** to participate in the program
 12 if the student:
- 13 (1) before or during grade 7 or grade 8, is placed by or with the
 14 consent of the department of child services, by a court order, or by
 15 a child placing agency in:
 16 (A) a foster family home;
 17 (B) the home of a relative or other unlicensed caretaker;
 18 (C) a child caring institution; or
 19 (D) a group home;
- 20 **(2) meets the requirements in subsection (a)(1) through (a)(2);**
 21 **and**
 22 ~~(2) (3)~~ **(3)** agrees in writing, together with the student's caseworker
 23 (as defined in IC 31-9-2-11) **or legal guardian**, to the conditions
 24 set forth in subsection (a)(4). ~~and~~
 25 ~~(3) except as provided in subdivision (2); otherwise meets the~~
 26 ~~requirements of subsection (a).~~
- 27 (c) The commission may require that an applicant apply
 28 electronically to participate in the program using an online Internet
 29 application on the commission's web site.
- 30 SECTION 8. IC 21-12-6-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.234-2015,
 31 SECTION 14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 32 JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 6. (a) A student may apply to the commission for
 33 a scholarship. To qualify for a scholarship, the student must meet the
 34 following requirements:
- 35 (1) Be an eligible student who qualified to participate in the
 36 program under section 5 of this chapter.
 37 (2) Be a resident of Indiana.
 38 (3) Be a graduate from a secondary school located in Indiana that
 39 meets the admission criteria of an eligible institution and have
 40 achieved a cumulative grade point average in high school of:
 41 (A) at least 2.0 on a 4.0 grading scale, if the student is
 42 expected to graduate from high school before July 1, 2014; and



- 1 (B) at least 2.5 on a 4.0 grading scale, if the student is
 2 expected to graduate from high school after June 30, 2014.
 3 (4) Have applied to attend and be accepted to attend as a full-time
 4 student an eligible institution.
 5 (5) Certify in writing that before the student's graduation from
 6 high school the student:
 7 (A) did not illegally use controlled substances (as defined in
 8 IC 35-48-1-9);
 9 (B) did not illegally consume alcoholic beverages;
 10 (C) did not commit any other crime or a delinquent act (as
 11 described in IC 31-37-1-2 or IC 31-37-2-2 through
 12 IC 31-37-2-5 (or IC 31-6-4-1(a)(1) through IC 31-6-4-1(a)(5)
 13 before their repeal));
 14 (D) timely filed an application for other types of financial
 15 assistance available to the student from the state or federal
 16 government; and
 17 (E) ~~participated in~~ **completed** an academic success program
 18 required under the rules adopted by the commission.
 19 (6) Submit to the commission all the information and evidence
 20 required by the commission to determine eligibility as a
 21 scholarship applicant.
 22 (7) This subdivision applies only to applicants who initially enroll
 23 in the program under section 5 of this chapter or IC 21-12-6.5-2
 24 after June 30, 2011. For purposes of this chapter, applicants who
 25 are enrolled in the program before July 1, 2011, will not have an
 26 income or financial resources test applied to them when they
 27 subsequently apply for a scholarship. Have a lack of financial
 28 resources reasonably available to the applicant, as defined by the
 29 commission, that, in the absence of an award under this chapter,
 30 would deter the scholarship applicant from completing the
 31 applicant's education at the approved postsecondary educational
 32 institution that the applicant has selected and that has accepted
 33 the applicant.
 34 (8) Meet any other minimum criteria established by the
 35 commission.
 36 (b) This section applies to an individual who graduates from high
 37 school after December 31, 2011. To be eligible for a scholarship under
 38 this section, a student must initially attend ~~the~~ **an** eligible institution
 39 described in subsection (a)(4) not later than the fall semester (or its
 40 equivalent, as determined by the commission) in the year immediately
 41 following the year in which the student graduates from high school.
 42 SECTION 9. IC 21-12-6-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.281-2013,



1 SECTION 17, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 2 JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 7. **(a)** Subject to IC 21-12-13-2, a scholarship
 3 awarded under section 6 of this chapter or this section may be renewed.
 4 To qualify for a scholarship renewal, a scholarship recipient must do
 5 the following:

6 (1) Submit to the commission a renewal application that contains
 7 all the information and evidence required by the commission to
 8 determine eligibility for the scholarship renewal.

9 (2) Continue to be enrolled as a full-time student in good standing
 10 at an eligible institution.

11 (3) This subdivision applies only to applicants who initially enroll
 12 in the program under section 5 of this chapter or IC 21-12-6.5-2
 13 after June 30, 2011. For purposes of this chapter, applicants who
 14 are enrolled in the program before July 1, 2011, will not have an
 15 income or financial resources test applied to them when they
 16 subsequently apply to renew a scholarship. Continue to have a
 17 lack of financial resources reasonably available to the applicant,
 18 as defined by the commission, that, in the absence of an award
 19 under this chapter, would deter the scholarship applicant from
 20 completing the applicant's education at the approved
 21 postsecondary educational institution that the applicant has
 22 selected and that has accepted the applicant.

23 (4) If the student initially enrolls in an eligible institution for a
 24 semester (or its equivalent) beginning after June 30, 2012,
 25 maintain at least a cumulative grade point average that the
 26 eligible institution determines is satisfactory academic progress.

27 (5) If the student initially enrolls in an eligible institution for an
 28 academic year beginning after August 31, 2013, the student
 29 successfully completes:

30 (A) at least thirty (30) credit hours or the equivalent by the end
 31 of the student's first academic year;

32 (B) at least sixty (60) credit hours or the equivalent by the end
 33 of the student's second academic year; and

34 (C) at least ninety (90) credit hours or the equivalent by the
 35 end of the student's third academic year.

36 A student's academic years used to determine if the student meets
 37 the requirements of this subdivision are not required to be
 38 successive calendar years. A recipient who fails to meet the credit
 39 hour requirement for a particular academic year becomes
 40 ineligible for an award during the next academic year. The
 41 recipient may become eligible for an award in subsequent
 42 academic years if that recipient meets the aggregate credit hour



1 requirements commensurate with the recipient's academic
2 standing. In addition, the commission may allow a student who is
3 otherwise ineligible under this subdivision for an award during
4 the next academic year to maintain eligibility for an award if the
5 student submits a petition to the commission and the commission
6 makes a determination that extenuating circumstances (as
7 determined by the commission) prevented the student from
8 meeting the requirements of this subdivision. **This subdivision
9 expires June 30, 2017.**

10 **(6) Beginning in an academic year beginning after August 31,
11 2017, the student successfully completes:**

12 **(A) at least thirty (30) credit hours or the equivalent
13 during the last academic year in which the student
14 received state financial aid; or**

15 **(B) at least thirty (30) credit hours or the equivalent during
16 the last academic year in which the student was enrolled in
17 postsecondary education.**

18 ~~(7)~~ **(7) Continue to meet any other minimum criteria established
19 by the commission.**

20 **(b) In determining eligibility under subsection (a)(6), the
21 commission shall apply all the following types of credits:**

22 **(1) Credits earned from dual credit, advanced placement, and
23 international baccalaureate courses.**

24 **(2) College credits earned during high school.**

25 **(3) Credits earned exceeding thirty (30) credit hours during
26 a previous academic year in which a student received state
27 financial aid.**

28 **(c) The commission may allow a student who is otherwise
29 ineligible under subsection (a)(6) for an award during the next
30 academic year to maintain eligibility for an award if the student
31 submits a petition to the commission and the commission makes a
32 determination that extenuating circumstances (as determined by
33 the commission) prevented the student from meeting the
34 requirements under subsection (a)(6).**

35 SECTION 10. IC 21-12-8-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.234-2015,
36 SECTION 15, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
37 JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 1. (a) The adult student grant fund is established
38 to make awards authorized under this chapter to eligible applicants.

39 (b) The fund consists of the following:

40 (1) Appropriations made by the general assembly.

41 (2) Gifts, grants, devises, or bequests made to the state to achieve
42 the purposes of the fund.



1 (3) Amounts transferred to the fund as directed by the
2 commission under IC 21-12-1.2-2.

3 (c) The fund shall be administered by the commission.

4 **(d) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from**
5 **money in the fund.**

6 ~~(d)~~ (e) The fund must be separate and distinct from other funds
7 administered by the commission.

8 ~~(e)~~ (f) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not
9 currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same
10 manner as other public funds are invested.

11 ~~(f)~~ (g) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not
12 revert to the state general fund but remains available to be used for
13 providing money for adult student grants under this chapter, or it may
14 be transferred to another fund under this article as directed by the
15 commission under IC 21-12-1.2-2.

16 SECTION 11. IC 21-12-10-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.233-2015,
17 SECTION 314, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
18 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 3. An individual is eligible for a
19 Mitch Daniels early graduation scholarship if the individual:

20 (1) is a resident of Indiana, as defined by the commission;

21 (2) attended a publicly supported school on a full-time
22 equivalency basis for at least the last two (2) semesters before the
23 individual graduated from high school;

24 (3) had legal settlement (as defined in IC 20-18-2-11) in Indiana
25 for at least the last two (2) semesters before the individual
26 graduated from high school;

27 (4) ~~met at least the minimum requirements set by the Indiana state~~
28 ~~board of education for granting a~~ **received a Core 40** high school
29 diploma by the end of grade 11 (including any summer school
30 courses completed before July 1 of a year) ~~and was awarded after~~
31 ~~December 31, 2010, a high school diploma by the~~ **from the**
32 publicly supported school that the individual last attended for
33 course credits; ~~earned before the end of grade 11;~~

34 (5) was not enrolled in a publicly supported school for any part of
35 grade 12;

36 (6) applies to the commission for a Mitch Daniels early
37 graduation scholarship in the manner specified by the
38 commission; and

39 ~~(7) within five (5) months after graduating from high school:~~

40 ~~(A) becomes a student in good standing at an approved~~
41 ~~postsecondary educational institution whose students are~~
42 ~~eligible to receive; before September 1, 2014; a higher~~



1 education award (IC 21-12-3-11) or a freedom of choice grant
2 (IC 21-12-4-4); or, after August 31, 2014, a higher education
3 award or freedom of choice grant published under
4 IC 21-12-1.7-3; and
5 (B) is engaged in a program that will lead to an approved
6 postsecondary degree or credential:
7 **(7) enrolls as a full-time student at an eligible institution not**
8 **later than the fall semester (or its equivalent, as determined**
9 **by the commission) in the academic year immediately**
10 **following the year in which the student graduates from high**
11 **school.**

