

HOUSE BILL No. 1528

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 21-12-16.

Synopsis: Transition to teaching. Provides that an individual enrolled in an alternative teacher certification program may apply for a one time scholarship under the next generation Hoosier educators scholarship program. Requires an applicant to possess a baccalaureate degree, agree to obtain an initial practitioner license, and teach at a qualifying school for five years. Provides that the maximum amount of a scholarship is \$10,000. Requires that an awarded scholarship must be repaid under certain conditions.

Effective: July 1, 2023.

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January 19, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.



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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 21-12-16-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.63-2021,
2 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 5. (a) An applicant who is enrolled in an
4 accredited postsecondary educational institution after June 30, 2017,
5 may qualify for a scholarship under this ~~chapter~~ **section**. To qualify for
6 a scholarship, an applicant must:

- 7 (1) apply for a scholarship on a form supplied by the commission;
- 8 (2) except as provided in subsection (b), have graduated from an
9 Indiana nonaccredited nonpublic or state accredited high school
10 accredited under IC 20-31-4.1 and:
 - 11 (A) graduated in the highest twenty percent (20%) of students
12 in the applicant's high school graduating class;
 - 13 (B) received a score in the top twentieth percentile on the SAT
14 or ACT examination; or
 - 15 (C) achieved a cumulative grade point average upon
16 graduation of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 grading scale (or its
17 equivalent if another grading scale is used) for courses taken



- 1 during grades 9, 10, 11, and 12;
- 2 (3) have participated in school activities and community service
- 3 activities during high school;
- 4 (4) have applied to and been accepted for enrollment in an
- 5 accredited postsecondary educational institution approved by the
- 6 commission under section 10 of this chapter;
- 7 (5) agree in writing to:
- 8 (A) obtain a license to teach under IC 20-28-5; and
- 9 (B) teach for at least five (5) consecutive years in a public
- 10 school or an eligible school (as defined in IC 20-51-1-4.7) in
- 11 Indiana after graduating with a baccalaureate degree from the
- 12 accredited postsecondary educational institution described in
- 13 subdivision (4); and
- 14 (6) meet any other criteria established by the commission.
- 15 (b) A student who graduates from a nonaccredited nonpublic school
- 16 must meet the requirement described in subsection (a)(2)(B) in order
- 17 to meet the eligibility requirement described in subsection (a)(2).
- 18 SECTION 2. IC 21-12-16-5.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
- 19 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 20 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: **Sec. 5.5. An applicant who is enrolled**
- 21 **in an alternative teacher certification program after June 30, 2023,**
- 22 **may qualify for a scholarship under this section. To qualify for a**
- 23 **scholarship, an applicant must:**
- 24 (1) apply for a scholarship on a form supplied by the
- 25 commission;
- 26 (2) possess a baccalaureate degree from an accredited
- 27 postsecondary four (4) year institution;
- 28 (3) have enrolled in an alternative teacher certification
- 29 program described in IC 20-28-5-12.5;
- 30 (4) agree in writing to:
- 31 (A) complete an alternative teacher certification program
- 32 described in IC 20-28-5-12.5 and obtain an initial
- 33 practitioner license under IC 20-28-5-12.5; and
- 34 (B) teach for at least five (5) consecutive years in a public
- 35 school or an eligible school (as defined in IC 20-51-1-4.7) in
- 36 Indiana after obtaining the initial practitioner license
- 37 under IC 20-28-5-12.5; and
- 38 (5) meet any other criteria established by the commission.
- 39 SECTION 3. IC 21-12-16-7, AS ADDED BY P.L.105-2016,
- 40 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 41 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 7. Before receiving a scholarship under this
- 42 chapter, the applicant must enter into a contract with the commission



1 agreeing to:

2 (1) the terms and conditions described in section 5(a)(5) **or 5.5(4)**
3 of this chapter, **as applicable**; and

4 (2) any other terms and conditions established by the commission.

5 SECTION 4. IC 21-12-16-8, AS ADDED BY P.L.105-2016,
6 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
7 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 8. (a) Subject to subsections (b) and (c), if an
8 applicant meets the requirements under **section 5 of this chapter**, the
9 commission may award, for not more than four (4) academic years, a
10 scholarship to the applicant in an amount of seven thousand five
11 hundred dollars (\$7,500) for each academic year that the applicant
12 attends the accredited postsecondary educational institution approved
13 by the commission under section 10 of this chapter.

14 (b) The commission may not do the following:

15 (1) Award a scholarship under **section 5 of this chapter** in an
16 amount of more than a total of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000)
17 to an individual applicant.

18 (2) Award scholarships under **section 5 of this chapter** to more
19 than two hundred (200) new applicants each academic year.

20 (c) If the total amount to be distributed from the fund in a state fiscal
21 year exceeds the amount available for distribution, the amount to be
22 distributed to each eligible applicant shall be proportionately reduced
23 so that the total reductions equal the amount of the excess.

24 SECTION 5. IC 21-12-16-8.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
25 CODE AS A **NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS**
26 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: **Sec. 8.5. (a) Subject to subsection (b),**
27 **if an applicant meets the requirements under section 5.5 of this**
28 **chapter, the commission may award a one (1) time nonrenewable**
29 **scholarship to the applicant in an amount of up to ten thousand**
30 **dollars (\$10,000) for alternative teacher certification program and**
31 **initial practitioner licensure costs under IC 20-28-5-12.5.**

32 (b) **If the total amount to be distributed from the fund in a state**
33 **fiscal year exceeds the amount available for distribution, the**
34 **amount to be distributed to each eligible applicant shall be**
35 **proportionately reduced so that the total reductions equal the**
36 **amount of the excess.**

37 SECTION 6. IC 21-12-16-10, AS ADDED BY P.L.105-2016,
38 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
39 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 10. (a) The commission may not award a
40 scholarship under **section 5 of this chapter** to an applicant unless the
41 applicant has applied to and been accepted for enrollment in an
42 accredited postsecondary educational institution approved by the



1 commission under this section.

2 (b) The commission shall establish standards for teacher education
3 that an accredited postsecondary educational institution must meet to
4 receive approval by the commission under this section, including the:

5 (1) information an accredited postsecondary educational
6 institution is required to submit to the commission regarding the
7 institution's teacher education program; and

8 (2) criteria and standards for approval.

9 SECTION 7. IC 21-12-16-11, AS ADDED BY P.L.105-2016,
10 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
11 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 11. (a) An individual who:

12 (1) received a scholarship under **section 5** of this chapter;

13 (2) is no longer enrolled in an accredited postsecondary
14 educational institution approved by the commission under section
15 10 of this chapter; and

16 (3) did not receive a baccalaureate degree from an accredited
17 postsecondary educational institution approved by the
18 commission under section 10 of this chapter;

19 shall repay the amount of the scholarship awarded to the individual
20 under this chapter in a timely fashion, as determined by the
21 commission.

22 (b) **An individual who:**

23 (1) **received a scholarship under section 5.5 of this chapter;**

24 (2) **is no longer enrolled in an alternative teacher certification
25 program under IC 20-28-5-12.5; and**

26 (3) **did not receive an initial practitioner license after
27 completing an alternative teacher certification program
28 described in IC 20-28-5-12.5;**

29 **shall repay the amount of the scholarship awarded to the
30 individual under this chapter in a timely fashion, as determined by
31 the commission.**

32 SECTION 8. IC 21-12-16-12, AS ADDED BY P.L.105-2016,
33 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
34 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 12. (a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and
35 (c), if an individual:

36 (1) receives a scholarship under **section 5 or 5.5** of this chapter;
37 and

38 (2) fails to teach in a public school or an eligible school (as
39 defined in IC 20-51-1-4.7) in Indiana for at least five (5)
40 consecutive years as described in section 5(a)(5) **or 5.5(4)** of this
41 chapter, **as applicable;**

42 the individual shall repay the total amount of the scholarship awarded



1 to the individual under this chapter in a timely fashion. The total
2 amount that an individual is required to repay shall be reduced by
3 twenty percent (20%), as determined by the commission, for each
4 consecutive year the individual teaches at a public school or eligible
5 school (as defined in IC 20-51-1-4.7).

6 (b) The commission may extend the length of time in which an
7 individual must complete the requirements of an agreement described
8 in section 5(a)(5) **or 5.5(4)** of this chapter if the individual submits a
9 petition to the commission in a manner prescribed by the commission
10 and the commission makes a determination that extenuating
11 circumstances, as determined by the commission, prevented the
12 individual from timely meeting the requirements described in section
13 5(a)(5) **or 5.5(4)** of this chapter, **as applicable**.

14 (c) The commission may waive repayment under subsection (a) if
15 the individual has been declared to be totally and permanently disabled
16 under 34 CFR 685.213.

17 (d) The commission may enter into an agreement with the
18 department of state revenue established by IC 6-8.1-2-1 or another third
19 party vendor to assist in the enforcement of subsection (a) and section
20 11 of this chapter.

