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ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL No. 1528

DIGEST OF HB 1528 (Updated March 15, 2023 5:14 pm - DI 110)

Citations Affected: IC 21-12.

Synopsis: Next generation Hoosier educators scholarship program. Provides that an individual enrolled in a transition to teaching program or an alternative teacher certification program may apply for a one time scholarship under the next generation Hoosier educators scholarship program. Establishes requirements to qualify for the one time scholarship. Provides that the maximum amount of a scholarship is \$10,000. Provides that the total annual amount of scholarships awarded from the next generation Hoosier educators scholarship fund to individuals enrolled in a transition to teaching program or an alternative teacher certification program may not exceed \$1,000,000. Requires that an awarded scholarship must be repaid under certain conditions.

Effective: July 1, 2023.

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(SENATE SPONSORS — RAATZ, HOLDMAN, BROWN L, JOHNSON T,
CRANE)

January 19, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.
February 2, 2023, amended, reported — Do Pass. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means pursuant to Rule 127.
February 9, 2023, amended, reported — Do Pass.
February 13, 2023, read second time, ordered engrossed.
February 14, 2023, engrossed. Read third time, passed. Yeas 92, nays 0.

SENATE ACTION

February 27, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Education and Career Development.
March 16, 2023, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass; reassigned to Committee on Appropriations.

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ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL No. 1528

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

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- 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 a transition to teaching program or an alternative teacher**
- 22 **certification program after June 30, 2023, may qualify for a**
- 23 **scholarship under section 8.5 of this chapter. To qualify for a**
- 24 **scholarship, an applicant must:**
- 25 (1) apply for a scholarship on a form supplied by the
- 26 commission;
- 27 (2) possess a baccalaureate degree from an accredited
- 28 postsecondary four (4) year institution;
- 29 (3) have enrolled in:
- 30 (A) a transition to teaching program described in
- 31 IC 20-28-4; or
- 32 (B) an alternative teacher certification program described
- 33 in IC 20-28-5-12.5;
- 34 (4) agree in writing to:
- 35 (A) complete:
- 36 (i) a transition to teaching program described in
- 37 IC 20-28-4; or
- 38 (ii) an alternative teacher certification program
- 39 described in IC 20-28-5-12.5;
- 40 and obtain an initial practitioner license under IC 20-28;
- 41 and
- 42 (B) teach for at least five (5) consecutive years in a public



1 **school or an eligible school (as defined in IC 20-51-1-4.7) in**
 2 **Indiana after obtaining the initial practitioner license**
 3 **under IC 20-28; and**

4 **(5) meet any other criteria established by the commission.**

5 SECTION 3. IC 21-12-16-7, AS ADDED BY P.L.105-2016,
 6 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 7 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 7. Before receiving a scholarship under this
 8 chapter, the applicant must enter into a contract with the commission
 9 agreeing to:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

32 SECTION 5. IC 21-12-16-8.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 33 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 34 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: **Sec. 8.5. (a) Subject to subsection (b),**
 35 **if an applicant meets the requirements under section 5.5 of this**
 36 **chapter, the commission may award a one (1) time nonrenewable**
 37 **scholarship to the applicant in an amount of up to ten thousand**
 38 **dollars (\$10,000) for:**

39 (1) **transition to teaching program and initial practitioner**
 40 **licensure costs under IC 20-28-4; or**

41 (2) **alternative teacher certification program and initial**
 42 **practitioner licensure costs under IC 20-28-5-12.5.**



1 **(b) The total annual amount of scholarships awarded by the**
 2 **commission under this section may not exceed one million dollars**
 3 **(\$1,000,000). If the total amount of scholarships exceeds the limit**
 4 **under this subsection, the commission shall reduce the scholarships**
 5 **awarded under subsection (a) in a manner prescribed by the**
 6 **commission.**

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

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

- 17 (1) information an accredited postsecondary educational
 18 institution is required to submit to the commission regarding the
 19 institution's teacher education program; and
- 20 (2) criteria and standards for approval.

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

- 24 (1) received a scholarship under **section 5** of this chapter;
- 25 (2) is no longer enrolled in an accredited postsecondary
 26 educational institution approved by the commission under section
 27 10 of this chapter; and
- 28 (3) did not receive a baccalaureate degree from an accredited
 29 postsecondary educational institution approved by the
 30 commission under section 10 of this chapter;

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

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

- 35 **(1) received a scholarship under section 5.5 of this chapter;**
- 36 **(2) is no longer enrolled in:**
 - 37 **(A) a transition to teaching program under IC 20-28-4; or**
 - 38 **(B) an alternative teacher certification program described**
 39 **in IC 20-28-5-12.5; and**
- 40 **(3) did not receive an initial practitioner license after**
 41 **completing:**
 - 42 **(A) a transition to teaching program described in**



- 1 **IC 20-28-4; or**
 2 **(B) an alternative teacher certification program described**
 3 **in IC 20-28-5-12.5;**
 4 **shall repay the amount of the scholarship awarded to the**
 5 **individual under this chapter in a timely fashion, as determined by**
 6 **the commission.**
- 7 SECTION 8. IC 21-12-16-12, AS ADDED BY P.L.105-2016,
 8 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 9 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 12. (a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and
 10 (c), if an individual:
- 11 (1) receives a scholarship under **section 5 or 5.5** of this chapter;
 12 and
- 13 (2) fails to teach in a public school or an eligible school (as
 14 defined in IC 20-51-1-4.7) in Indiana for at least five (5)
 15 consecutive years as described in section 5(a)(5) **or 5.5(4)** of this
 16 chapter, **as applicable;**
- 17 the individual shall repay the total amount of the scholarship awarded
 18 to the individual under this chapter in a timely fashion. The total
 19 amount that an individual is required to repay shall be reduced by
 20 twenty percent (20%), as determined by the commission, for each
 21 consecutive year the individual teaches at a public school or eligible
 22 school (as defined in IC 20-51-1-4.7).
- 23 (b) The commission may extend the length of time in which an
 24 individual must complete the requirements of an agreement described
 25 in section 5(a)(5) **or 5.5(4)** of this chapter if the individual submits a
 26 petition to the commission in a manner prescribed by the commission
 27 and the commission makes a determination that extenuating
 28 circumstances, as determined by the commission, prevented the
 29 individual from timely meeting the requirements described in section
 30 5(a)(5) **or 5.5(4)** of this chapter, **as applicable.**
- 31 (c) The commission may waive repayment under subsection (a) if
 32 the individual has been declared to be totally and permanently disabled
 33 under 34 CFR 685.213.
- 34 (d) The commission may enter into an agreement with the
 35 department of state revenue established by IC 6-8.1-2-1 or another third
 36 party vendor to assist in the enforcement of subsection (a) and section
 37 11 of this chapter.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Education, to which was referred House Bill 1528, 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:

Page 2, line 22, delete "this section." and insert "**section 8.5 of this chapter.**".

Page 3, delete lines 32 through 36, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"(b) The total annual amount of scholarships awarded by the commission under this section may not exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000). If the total amount of scholarships exceeds the limit under this subsection, the commission shall reduce the scholarships awarded under subsection (a) in a manner prescribed by the commission."

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1528 as introduced.)

BEHNING

Committee Vote: yeas 13, nays 0.

 COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred House Bill 1528, 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:

Page 2, line 21, delete "an alternative teacher certification" and insert "**a transition to teaching**".

Page 2, between lines 23 and 24, begin a new line block indented and insert:

"(1) be employed by a school corporation in Indiana;".

Page 2, line 24, delete "(1)" and insert "**(2)**".

Page 2, line 26, delete "(2)" and insert "**(3)**".

Page 2, line 28, delete "(3)" and insert "**(4)**".

Page 2, line 28, delete "an alternative teacher certification" and insert "**a transition to teaching program described in IC 20-28-4;**".

Page 2, delete line 29.

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Page 2, line 30, delete "(4)" and insert "(5)".

Page 2, line 31, delete "an alternative teacher certification" and insert "**a transition to teaching**".

Page 2, line 32, delete "IC 20-28-5-12.5" and insert "**IC 20-28-4**".

Page 2, line 33, delete "IC 20-28-5-12.5;" and insert "**IC 20-28-4-6**";".

Page 2, line 37, delete "IC 20-28-5-12.5;" and insert "**IC 20-28-4-6**";".

Page 2, line 38, delete "(5)" and insert "(6)".

Page 3, line 30, delete "alternative teacher certification" and insert "**transition to teaching**".

Page 3, line 31, delete "IC 20-28-5-12.5." and insert "**IC 20-28-4**".

Page 4, line 25, delete "an alternative teacher certification" and insert "**a transition to teaching**".

Page 4, line 26, delete "IC 20-28-5-12.5;" and insert "**IC 20-28-4**";".

Page 4, line 28, delete "an alternative teacher certification" and insert "**a transition to teaching**".

Page 4, line 29, delete "IC 20-28-5-12.5;" and insert "**IC 20-28-4**";".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1528 Digest Correction as printed February 2, 2023.)

THOMPSON

Committee Vote: yeas 24, nays 0.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Education and Career Development, to which was referred House Bill No. 1528, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 2, delete lines 18 through 39, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 2. IC 21-12-16-5.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: **Sec. 5.5. An applicant who is enrolled in a transition to teaching program or an alternative teacher**

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certification program after June 30, 2023, may qualify for a scholarship under section 8.5 of this chapter. To qualify for a scholarship, an applicant must:

- (1) apply for a scholarship on a form supplied by the commission;
- (2) possess a baccalaureate degree from an accredited postsecondary four (4) year institution;
- (3) have enrolled in:
 - (A) a transition to teaching program described in IC 20-28-4; or
 - (B) an alternative teacher certification program described in IC 20-28-5-12.5;
- (4) agree in writing to:
 - (A) complete:
 - (i) a transition to teaching program described in IC 20-28-4; or
 - (ii) an alternative teacher certification program described in IC 20-28-5-12.5;
 and obtain an initial practitioner license under IC 20-28; and
 - (B) teach for at least five (5) consecutive years in a public school or an eligible school (as defined in IC 20-51-1-4.7) in Indiana after obtaining the initial practitioner license under IC 20-28; and
- (5) meet any other criteria established by the commission."

Page 3, delete lines 25 through 38, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 5. IC 21-12-16-8.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: **Sec. 8.5. (a) Subject to subsection (b), if an applicant meets the requirements under section 5.5 of this chapter, the commission may award a one (1) time nonrenewable scholarship to the applicant in an amount of up to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for:**

- (1) transition to teaching program and initial practitioner licensure costs under IC 20-28-4; or
- (2) alternative teacher certification program and initial practitioner licensure costs under IC 20-28-5-12.5.

(b) The total annual amount of scholarships awarded by the commission under this section may not exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000). If the total amount of scholarships exceeds the limit under this subsection, the commission shall reduce the scholarships



awarded under subsection (a) in a manner prescribed by the commission."

Page 4, delete lines 24 through 33, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"(b) An individual who:

- (1) received a scholarship under section 5.5 of this chapter;**
- (2) is no longer enrolled in:**
 - (A) a transition to teaching program under IC 20-28-4; or**
 - (B) an alternative teacher certification program described in IC 20-28-5-12.5; and**
- (3) did not receive an initial practitioner license after completing:**
 - (A) a transition to teaching program described in IC 20-28-4; or**
 - (B) an alternative teacher certification program described in IC 20-28-5-12.5;**

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

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass and be reassigned to the Senate Committee on Appropriations.

(Reference is to HB 1528 as printed February 9, 2023.)

RAATZ, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 11, Nays 2.

