

HOUSE BILL No. 1553

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 21-12-16.

Synopsis: Next generation Hoosier educators scholarship. Changes the eligibility requirements for the next generation Hoosier educators scholarship and provides that a student may qualify for the scholarship by achieving a cumulative grade point average upon graduation of at least a 3.75 on a 4.0 grading scale during grades 9, 10, 11, and 12. Requires the commission for higher education to give priority to an individual who is: (1) a recent high school graduate; (2) pursuing a teacher shortage area; (3) showing significant financial need; or (4) a member of a household with an annual income of not more than the amount required for the individual to qualify for the free or reduced price lunch program as determined for the immediately preceding taxable year.

Effective: July 1, 2021.

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First Regular Session of the 122nd General Assembly (2021)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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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.92-2020,
2 SECTION 101, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 5. (a) An applicant who is enrolled
4 in an accredited postsecondary educational institution after June 30,
5 2017, may qualify for a scholarship under this chapter. 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: ~~either:~~

11 (A) graduated in the highest twenty percent (20%) of students
12 in the applicant's high school graduating class; ~~or~~

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 3.75 on a 4.0 grading scale (or its**
17 **equivalent if another grading scale is used) for courses**



- 1 **taken 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 21-12-16-6, AS ADDED BY P.L.105-2016,
- 19 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 20 JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 6. **(a)** The commission shall consider each
- 21 application and determine the eligibility of the applicant for the
- 22 scholarship. The commission shall give priority to recent high school
- 23 graduates, **students pursuing teacher shortage areas as described in**
- 24 **34 CFR 682.210(q)(6), and students showing significant financial**
- 25 **need** when selecting applicants.
- 26 **(b) The commission shall also give priority to an individual who**
- 27 **is a member of a household with an annual income of not more**
- 28 **than the amount required for the individual to qualify for the free**
- 29 **or reduced price lunch program under the national school lunch**
- 30 **program as determined for the immediately preceding taxable year**
- 31 **for the household for which the individual was claimed as a**
- 32 **dependent.**

