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A BILL FOR

1 An Act to provide tuition grants, based upon financial need, to
2 full-time resident post baccalaureate students attending
3 accredited private institutions of higher education in Iowa.

4 *Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

5 Section 1. When used in this Act, unless the context other-
6 wise requires:

7 1. "Tuition grant" means an award by the state of Iowa to a
8 qualified student under this Act.

9 2. "Financial need" means the difference between the stu-
10 dent's financial resources available, including those available
11 from his parents as determined by a completed parents' confiden-
12 tial statement, and the student's anticipated expenses while
13 attending the accredited private institution. Financial need
14 shall be redetermined at least annually.

15 3. "Full-time resident student" means an individual resident
16 of Iowa who is enrolled at an accredited private institution in
17 a post baccalaureate course of study including at least nine
18 semester hours or the trimester equivalent of nine semester
19 hours. "Course of study" does not include correspondence
20 courses.

21 4. "Qualified student" means a full-time resident student
22 who has established financial need and who is making satisfac-
23 tory progress toward a post baccalaureate degree.

24 5. "Accredited private institution" means an institution
25 of higher learning located in Iowa which is operated privately

1 and not controlled or administered by any state agency or any
2 subdivision of the state and which is accredited by the North
3 Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools accredi-
4 ting agency based on their requirements as of April 1, 1969.

5 6. "Commission" means the higher education facilities com-
6 mission.

7 Sec. 2. A tuition grant may be awarded to any resident of
8 Iowa who is admitted and in attendance as a full-time resident
9 student and who establishes financial need.

10 Sec. 3. A qualified student may receive tuition grants for
11 not more than six semesters, or the trimester equivalent, of a
12 course of study which will entitle the student to receive a post
13 baccalaureate degree from an accredited private institution. No
14 grant shall be made to any student who is majoring in a course of
15 study leading to a degree in theology or divinity.

16 Sec. 4. The amount of a tuition grant to a qualified student
17 for the fall and spring semesters, or the trimester equivalent,
18 shall be the amount of his financial need for that period.
19 However, a tuition grant shall not exceed the lesser of:

20 1. The total tuition and mandatory fees for that student
21 for two semesters or the trimester equivalent, less than base
22 amount determined annually by the higher education facilities
23 commission, which base amount shall be within ten dollars of
24 the average tuition for two semesters or the trimester equiva-
25 lent of post baccalaureate study at the state universities
26 under the board of regents, but in any event the base amount
27 shall not be less than four hundred dollars, or

28 2. One thousand dollars.

29 Sec. 5. A tuition grant may be made annually for both the
30 fall and spring semesters or the trimester equivalent. Payments
31 under the grant shall be allocated equally among the semesters
32 or trimesters and shall be paid at the beginning of each semes-
33 ter or trimester upon certification by the accredited private
34 institution that the student is admitted and in attendance. If
35 the student discontinues attendance before the end of any

1 semester or trimester after receiving payment under the grant,
2 the entire amount of any refund due that student, up to the
3 amount of any payments made under the annual grant, shall be
4 paid by the accredited private institution to the state.

5 Sec. 6. If a student receives financial aid under any other
6 program, the full amount of such financial aid shall be con-
7 sidered part of the student's financial resources available in
8 determining the amount of his financial need for that period.
9 In no case may the state's total financial contribution to the
10 student's education, including financial aid under any other
11 state program, exceed the tuition and mandatory fees at the
12 institution which he attends.

13 Sec. 7. The higher education facilities commission shall
14 administer this program and shall:

15 1. Provide application forms and parents' confidential
16 statement forms.

17 2. Adopt rules and regulations for determining financial
18 need, defining tuition and mandatory fees, defining residence
19 for the purposes of this Act, processing and approving applica-
20 tions for tuition grants, and determining priority of grants.
21 The commission may provide for proration of funds if the avail-
22 able funds are insufficient to pay all approved grants. Such
23 proration shall take primary account of the financial need of
24 the applicant. In determining who is a resident of Iowa, the
25 commission's rules shall be at least as restrictive as those of
26 the board of regents.

27 3. Approve and award tuition grants.

28 4. Make an annual report to the governor and general assem-
29 bly, and evaluate the tuition grant program for the period.

30 The commission may require the accredited private institution
31 to promptly furnish any information which the commission re-
32 quests in connection with the tuition grant program.

33 Sec. 8. Each applicant, in accordance with the rules and
34 regulations of the commission, shall:

35 1. Complete and file an application for a tuition grant.

1 2. Be responsible for the submission of the parents' con-
2 fidential statement for processing, the processed information
3 to be returned both to the commission and to the institution
4 in which he is enrolling.

5 3. Report promptly to the commission any information re-
6 quested.

7 4. File a new application and parents' confidential state-
8 ment annually on the basis of which his eligibility for a re-
9 newed tuition grant will be evaluated and determined.

10 Sec. 9. Section two hundred sixty-one point two (261.2),
11 Code 1966, as amended by chapter two hundred thirty-three (233),
12 section one (1), Acts of the Sixty-second General Assembly, and
13 Chapter one hundred seventy-seven (177), section one (1), and
14 chapter one hundred seventy-eight (178), section ten (10), Acts
15 of the Sixty-third General Assembly, First Session, is hereby
16 further amended by adding the following new subsection:
17 "Administer the tuition grant program under this Act."

EXPLANATION

This bill provides a state tuition grant program for post baccalaureate students, comparable to the tuition grant program for undergraduate students.