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Senate File 2194

APPROPRIATIONS: Husak, Chair: Ritsema and Gronstal

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act to establish an occupational therapist scholarship and
2 loan program administered by the college aid commission and to
3 make an appropriation.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 261.2, Code 1985, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 10. Prepare and administer the
4 occupational therapy scholarship and loan program under this
5 chapter.

6 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 261.91 OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
7 SCHOLARSHIP AND LOAN PROGRAM.

8 There is established the occupational therapy scholarship
9 and loan program to be administered by the commission. Upon
10 application, the commission may grant a scholarship and loan
11 to a student enrolled or accepted for enrollment in a course
12 of study offered at a college or university outside this state
13 that will enable the student to fulfill the requirements for
14 an occupational therapist license specified in section 148B.5.
15 The annual amount of the scholarship shall not exceed an
16 amount equal to one half the difference between the resident
17 undergraduate tuition costs at the university of Iowa and the
18 actual tuition at the college or university in which the
19 student is enrolled, or two thousand dollars, whichever is
20 less. The scholarship may be renewed annually for four years.

21 A student who receives a scholarship is also eligible for a
22 loan equal to the amount of the scholarship. The interest
23 rate for the loan is equal to the interest rate being
24 collected by an eligible lender under the Iowa guaranteed
25 student loan program during the fiscal year in which the loan
26 is made.

27 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 261.92 REPAYMENT OF LOAN.

28 A recipient of a loan under section 261.91 shall commence
29 repaying the loan with interest immediately following
30 graduation. However, if the recipient of a loan becomes a
31 licensed occupational therapist under chapter 148B, and is an
32 Iowa resident employed as an occupational therapist as
33 certified by the board of physical and occupational therapy
34 examiners to the college aid commission, the recipient is not
35 required to make payments on the loan to the college aid

1 commission, and twenty-five percent of the loan is forgiven
2 for each year in which the recipient is employed as an
3 occupational therapist in this state. If the commission
4 determines that the loan recipient does not meet the criteria
5 for forgiveness of the loan, the commission shall establish by
6 rule a plan for repayment of the principal and interest over a
7 fifteen-year period. If a loan recipient required to make the
8 repayment does not make the required payments, the commission
9 shall provide for collection of payments. Funds collected
10 under this section shall be deposited in the general fund of
11 the state.

12 Sec. 4. There is appropriated from the general fund of the
13 state to the college aid commission for the fiscal year
14 beginning July 1, 1986 and ending June 30, 1987, the sum of
15 sixty thousand (60,000) dollars or so much thereof as is
16 necessary, to grant scholarships and loans under this Act.

17 EXPLANATION

18 This bill establishes a scholarship and loan program for
19 students who wish to become licensed occupational therapists.
20 Students may apply to the college aid commission and receive a
21 scholarship and loan equal to the difference between the
22 undergraduate tuition cost at the university of Iowa and the
23 actual tuition cost at the out-of-state university, up to
24 \$4,000, that the student attends. If the loan recipient is
25 employed as a licensed occupational therapist in Iowa after
26 graduation, twenty-five percent of the loan is forgiven for
27 each of four years. Sixty thousand dollars is appropriated
28 for the next fiscal year to fund the program.

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