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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the establishment of a rewarding Iowa's
2 students educationally scholarship program.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 261.24 REWARDING IOWA'S STUDENTS
2 EDUCATIONALLY PROGRAM.

3 1. Subject to an appropriation of sufficient funds by the
4 general assembly, a rewarding Iowa's students educationally
5 program is established to be administered by the commission.
6 A resident of this state who receives a high school diploma or
7 a high school equivalency diploma from a school district or an
8 accredited nonpublic school in this state after July 1, 1998,
9 and who otherwise meets the qualifications of this section, is
10 eligible to receive a rewarding Iowa's students educationally
11 scholarship under the program to attend an eligible
12 institution.

13 2. In addition to the requirements of subsection 1, to be
14 eligible for a scholarship under this section, an individual
15 shall meet the following requirements:

16 a. Is a citizen of the United States or has been
17 classified as a permanent resident alien by the United States
18 immigration and naturalization service.

19 b. Have satisfactorily met the entrance requirements for
20 admission to an eligible institution.

21 c. Upon completing the equivalent of two full semesters or
22 three full quarters at an eligible institution, to continue to
23 be eligible for a scholarship under this section, the student
24 shall have a three-point cumulative grade average on a four-
25 point scale.

26 3. "Eligible institution", for purposes of this section,
27 means a community college as defined in chapter 260C, an
28 institution of higher learning under the control of the state
29 board of regents, or an accredited private institution, as
30 defined in section 261.9.

31 4. The amount of a scholarship awarded to a qualified
32 student for an upcoming academic year in accordance with this
33 section shall be the amount of the student's financial need
34 for that period, including tuition, mandatory fees, and a book
35 allowance. However, the scholarship amount shall not exceed

1 the resident tuition rate and mandatory fees established for
2 institutions of higher learning under the control of the state
3 board of regents plus a book allowance. The book allowance
4 for a full-time student shall be one hundred dollars per
5 quarter or the semester equivalent, and fifty dollars per
6 quarter or the semester equivalent for a student enrolled for
7 less than half-time.

8 5. No minimum number of hours of enrollment is required
9 for eligibility.

10 6. An eligible individual shall not receive a scholarship
11 under this section for more than the equivalent of eight full
12 semesters.

13 7. An individual who qualifies for a federal Pell grant is
14 ineligible for a scholarship under this section. Federal
15 educational assistance received by an eligible individual
16 shall be applied to reduce the individual's tuition and
17 mandatory fee charges.

18 8. Scholarship moneys may be expended for remedial
19 coursework.

20 9. The college student aid commission shall adopt rules
21 pursuant to chapter 17A to administer this section. Rules
22 adopted by the commission shall, at a minimum, establish
23 criteria for deferment of a scholarship and provide for an
24 appeals process.

25 EXPLANATION

26 This bill, subject to an appropriation of sufficient funds
27 by the general assembly, establishes a rewarding Iowa's
28 students educationally scholarship program.

29 A resident of Iowa who receives a high school diploma or a
30 high school equivalency diploma from a school district or an
31 accredited nonpublic school in Iowa after July 1, 1998, is a
32 U.S. citizen or a permanent resident alien, and has
33 satisfactorily met the entrance requirements for admission to
34 an eligible institution, is eligible to receive a scholarship
35 to attend an eligible institution. However, to continue to

1 receive a scholarship, a student must also have a 3.0
2 cumulative grade average on a 4.0 scale. Scholarships can be
3 used to pay for remedial coursework.

4 The bill defines an "eligible institution", to be an Iowa
5 community college, an institution of higher learning under the
6 control of the state board of regents, or an accredited
7 private institution.

8 The amount of a scholarship awarded in accordance with this
9 section shall be the amount of the student's financial need
10 for an upcoming academic year, but cannot exceed the resident
11 tuition rate and mandatory fees established for regents'
12 institutions plus a book allowance. The book allowance for a
13 full-time student is \$100 per quarter or the semester
14 equivalent, and \$50 per quarter or the semester equivalent for
15 a student enrolled for less than half-time. No minimum number
16 of hours of enrollment is required for eligibility.

17 An individual can receive a scholarship for no more than
18 the equivalent of eight full semesters.

19 An individual who qualifies for a federal Pell grant is
20 ineligible for a scholarship. Federal educational assistance
21 received by an eligible individual shall be applied to reduce
22 the individual's tuition and mandatory fee charges.

23 Rules adopted by the college student aid commission shall,
24 at a minimum, establish criteria for deferment of a
25 scholarship and provide for an appeals process.

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