

COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION[283]

Regulatory Analysis

Notice of Intended Action to be published: 283—Chapter 11
“Iowa Tuition Grant Program—For-Profit Institutions”

Iowa Code section(s) or chapter(s) authorizing rulemaking: 256.178 and 256.191
State or federal law(s) implemented by the rulemaking: Iowa Code section 256.191

Public Hearing

A public hearing at which persons may present their views orally or in writing will be held as follows:

October 20, 2026
3:30 p.m.

Room B50
Grimes State Office Building
Des Moines, Iowa

Public Comment

Any interested person may submit written or oral comments concerning this Regulatory Analysis, which must be received by the College Student Aid Commission no later than 4:30 p.m. on the date of the public hearing. Comments should be directed to:

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Purpose and Summary

The Commission proposes to rescind Chapter 11 pursuant to 2026 Iowa Acts, House File 2783, relating to the administration of the Iowa Tuition Grant Program under Iowa Code section 256.191. The rescission removes eligibility for students enrolled in for-profit postsecondary institutions, consistent with statutory changes enacted by the General Assembly.

Analysis of Impact

1. Persons affected by the proposed rulemaking:

• Classes of persons that will bear the costs of the proposed rulemaking:

Students enrolled in for-profit postsecondary institutions who would have otherwise been eligible for Iowa Tuition Grant assistance will be directly affected by the statutory change implemented through this rulemaking. Such students will no longer be eligible to receive awards under the Iowa Tuition Grant Program.

• Classes of persons that will benefit from the proposed rulemaking:

The proposed rescission will benefit students and institutions that remain eligible under Iowa Code chapter 256, subchapter VII, part 4, subpart B, with clearer eligibility standards that align with statutory requirements.

2. Impact of the proposed rulemaking, economic or otherwise, including the nature and amount of all the different kinds of costs that would be incurred:

- **Quantitative description of impact:**

The rulemaking does not impose measurable costs beyond those imposed by law.

- **Qualitative description of impact:**

The proposed rescission is expected to realign the Iowa Tuition Grant Program with updated statutory eligibility requirements by excluding for-profit postsecondary institutions from participation.

3. Costs to the State:

- **Implementation and enforcement costs borne by the agency or any other agency:**

The Commission does not anticipate significant implementation or enforcement costs associated with the proposed rulemaking. The rescission primarily reflects statutory revisions enacted in 2026 Iowa Acts, House File 2783, and will be implemented using existing staff and resources.

- **Anticipated effect on State revenues:**

The proposed rulemaking is not anticipated to have an effect on State revenues. The rescission implements statutory changes to the Iowa Tuition Grant Program and does not create or modify any taxes, fees, or other sources of State revenue.

4. Comparison of the costs and benefits of the proposed rulemaking to the costs and benefits of inaction:

The proposed rulemaking is necessary to implement 2026 Iowa Acts, House File 2783, and ensure that administrative rules accurately reflect statutory changes to eligibility under the Iowa Tuition Grant Program.

The benefits of the rulemaking include improved statutory compliance, clearer eligibility standards, and more consistent administration of grant awards. The costs are primarily borne by students attending for-profit institutions that are no longer eligible for participation in the program under statute. However, in 2025-2026 there were no for-profit institutions participating in the Iowa Tuition Grant Program.

Inaction would result in administrative rules that are inconsistent with State law, creating confusion for applicants and institutions and hindering the Commission's ability to properly administer the program. The benefits of the proposed rulemaking outweigh the costs of implementation.

5. Determination whether less costly methods or less intrusive methods exist for achieving the purpose of the proposed rulemaking:

The Commission has determined that no less costly or less intrusive method exists to achieve the purpose of the proposed rulemaking. The rescission is necessary to implement statutory changes enacted in 2026 Iowa Acts, House File 2783.

6. Alternative methods considered by the agency:

- **Description of any alternative methods that were seriously considered by the agency:**

No other methods were seriously considered by the Commission since the method proposed is the most cost-efficient and seamless for all entities involved.

- **Reasons why alternative methods were rejected in favor of the proposed rulemaking:**

Alternative methods were rejected because they would lead to additional burdens on applicants, eligible institutions, and the Commission.

Small Business Impact

If the rulemaking will have a substantial impact on small business, include a discussion of whether it would be feasible and practicable to do any of the following to reduce the impact of the rulemaking on small business:

- Establish less stringent compliance or reporting requirements in the rulemaking for small business.

- Establish less stringent schedules or deadlines in the rulemaking for compliance or reporting requirements for small business.
- Consolidate or simplify the rulemaking's compliance or reporting requirements for small business.
- Establish performance standards to replace design or operational standards in the rulemaking for small business.
- Exempt small business from any or all requirements of the rulemaking.

If legal and feasible, how does the rulemaking use a method discussed above to reduce the substantial impact on small business?

The proposed rulemaking is not expected to have an impact on small business.

Text of Proposed Rulemaking

ITEM 1. Rescind and reserve **283—Chapter 11**.