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EDUCATION

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to payments made by a school district under the
 2 postsecondary enrollment options law.
 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 261C.6, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code
2 1995, is amended to read as follows:

3 ~~Not later than June 30 of each year,~~ An eligible student
4 who has successfully completed and received credit for a
5 course taken at an eligible postsecondary institution may make
6 application to the school district of residence for tuition
7 reimbursement not later than June 15 of the school year in
8 which the postsecondary course credit was received. A school
9 district shall may pay a tuition reimbursement amount to an
10 ~~eligible postsecondary institution that has enrolled its~~
11 ~~resident-eligible pupils~~ the parent, guardian, or legal
12 custodian under this chapter. However, if the household
13 income of the parent, guardian, or legal custodian of the
14 eligible student who enrolls in an eligible postsecondary
15 institution under this chapter is at or below one hundred
16 sixty percent of the federal poverty guidelines as published
17 by the United States department of agriculture, the student is
18 not responsible for costs directly related to the course, and
19 the school district shall pay a tuition reimbursement amount
20 not later than June 30 to the eligible postsecondary
21 institution if the student successfully completed and received
22 credit for a course taken under the provisions of this
23 chapter. For pupils In addition, for students enrolled at the
24 school for the deaf and the Iowa braille and sight saving
25 school, the state board of regents shall pay a tuition
26 reimbursement amount to the eligible institution by June 30 of
27 each year.

28 Except as otherwise provided in this section, the student
29 is responsible for all costs directly related to the course if
30 the student fails to complete and receive credit for the
31 course taken under the provisions of this chapter. If the
32 administrator of the area education agency verifies that the
33 student qualifying on the basis of the federal poverty
34 guidelines specified in this section was unable to complete
35 the course for reasons including but not limited to the

1 student's physical incapacity, death in the family, or the
2 student's move to another school district, a verification by
3 the administrator of the area education agency shall
4 constitute a waiver to the requirement that the student,
5 student's parent, guardian, or legal custodian pay the costs
6 of the course.

7 PARAGRAPH DIVIDED. The amount of tuition reimbursement for
8 each separate course shall equal the lesser of:

9 Sec. 2. Section 261C.8, Code 1995, is amended to read as
10 follows:

11 261C.8 PROHIBITION ON CHARGES.

12 An If the household income of the parent, guardian, or
13 legal custodian of the student who enrolls in an eligible
14 postsecondary institution under this chapter is at or below
15 one hundred sixty percent of the federal poverty guidelines as
16 published by the United States department of agriculture, an
17 eligible postsecondary institution that enrolls an eligible
18 pupit student under this chapter shall not charge that pupit
19 student for tuition, textbooks, materials, or fees directly
20 related to the course in which the pupit student is enrolled
21 except that the pupit student may be required to purchase
22 equipment that becomes the property of the pupit student.
23 However, if ~~the-pupit~~ a student qualifying on the basis of the
24 federal poverty guidelines specified in this section fails to
25 complete and receive credit for the course, the pupit student,
26 or if the student is under eighteen years of age, the
27 student's parent, guardian, or legal custodian, is responsible
28 for all costs directly related to the course as provided in
29 section 261C.6 and shall reimburse the school district for its
30 costs. ~~If-the-pupit-is-under-eighteen-years-of-age,-the~~
31 ~~pupit's-parent,-guardian,-or-custodian-shall-sign-the-student~~
32 ~~registration-form-indicating-that-the-parent,-guardian,-or~~
33 ~~custodian-is-responsible-for-all-costs-directly-related-to-the~~
34 ~~course,-if-the-pupit-fails-to-complete-and-receive-credit-for~~
35 ~~the-course-~~

1 ~~If the local area education agency verifies that the pupil~~
2 ~~was unable to complete the course for reasons including but~~
3 ~~not limited to the pupil's physical incapacity, death in the~~
4 ~~family, or the pupil's move to another school district, a~~
5 ~~verification by the area education agency shall constitute a~~
6 ~~waiver to the requirement that the pupil, pupil's parent,~~
7 ~~guardian, or legal custodian pay the costs of the course to~~
8 ~~the school district.~~

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EXPLANATION

10 This bill makes optional a current Code requirement that a
11 school district must pay a tuition reimbursement for an
12 eligible student who has successfully completed and received
13 credit for a course taken at an eligible postsecondary
14 institution. However, it requires the school district to pay
15 if the household income of the student's parent, guardian, or
16 legal custodian is at or below 160 percent of the federal
17 poverty guidelines.

18 If the student fails to complete and receive credit for the
19 course, the student is responsible for all costs directly
20 related to the course. If the student is under 18 years of
21 age, the student's parent, guardian, or custodian shall sign
22 the student registration form indicating that the parent,
23 guardian, or custodian is responsible for all costs directly
24 related to the course if the student fails to complete and
25 receive credit for the course. If the local area education
26 agency verifies that a low-income student was unable to
27 complete the course for reasons including but not limited to
28 the student's physical incapacity, death in the family, or the
29 student's move to another school district, a verification by
30 the area education agency shall constitute a waiver to the
31 requirement that the student, student's parent, guardian, or
32 legal custodian pay the costs of the course.

33 Also, if the household income of the student's parent,
34 guardian, or legal custodian is at or below 160 percent of the
35 federal poverty guidelines, an eligible postsecondary

1 institution that enrolls an eligible student shall not charge
2 that student for tuition, textbooks, materials, or fees
3 directly related to the course in which the student is
4 enrolled except that the student may be required to purchase
5 equipment that becomes the property of the student.

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