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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to qualifications for participation in the
2 postsecondary enrollment options program.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 261C.3, subsection 2, Code 1997, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. "Eligible pupil" means a pupil classified by the board
4 of directors of a school district, by the state board of
5 regents for pupils of the school for the deaf and the Iowa
6 braille and sight saving school, or by the authorities in
7 charge of an accredited nonpublic school as a pupil who is
8 maintaining a grade point average in the median range or above
9 for courses completed at the school in which the pupil is
10 enrolled, and is either a ninth or tenth grade pupil who is
11 identified according to the school district's gifted and
12 talented criteria and procedures, pursuant to section 257.43,
13 as a gifted and talented child, or an eleventh or twelfth
14 grade pupil, during the period the pupil is participating in
15 the enrollment option provided under this chapter. A pupil
16 attending an accredited nonpublic school shall be counted as a
17 shared-time student in the school district in which the
18 nonpublic school of attendance is located for state foundation
19 aid purposes.

20 Sec. 2. Section 261C.8, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 1997,
21 is amended to read as follows:

22 An eligible postsecondary institution that enrolls an
23 eligible pupil under this chapter shall not charge that pupil
24 for tuition, textbooks, materials, or fees directly related to
25 the course in which the pupil is enrolled except that the
26 pupil may be required to purchase equipment that becomes the
27 property of the pupil. However, if the pupil fails to
28 complete and receive credit for the course, or if the pupil's
29 grade upon completing the course is not in the median range or
30 above, the pupil is responsible for all costs directly related
31 to the course as provided in section 261C.6 and shall
32 reimburse the school district for its costs. If the pupil is
33 under eighteen years of age, the pupil's parent, guardian, or
34 custodian shall sign the student registration form indicating
35 that the parent, guardian, or custodian is responsible for all

1 costs directly related to the course, if the pupil fails to
2 complete and receive credit for the course or if the pupil's
3 grade upon completing the course is not in the median range or
4 above.

5 EXPLANATION

6 This bill requires that a pupil must be maintaining a grade
7 point average in the median range or above, in addition to
8 other requirements in the Code, in order to be defined as an
9 "eligible student" in the postsecondary enrollment options
10 chapter of the Iowa Code. In addition, if the pupil's grade
11 upon completing a course taken in accordance with the
12 postsecondary enrollment options chapter is not in the median
13 range or above, the pupil, or the pupil's parent, guardian, or
14 custodian, if the pupil is under 18 years of age, is
15 responsible for all costs directly related to the course.

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