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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2339)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for a study of undergraduate tuition and fees
2 applicable to certain individuals who were placed in foster
3 care or another out-of-home placement.

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

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H-8250

1 Amend House File 2430 as follows:

2 1. Page 1, line 1, by inserting after the word
3 "EXEMPTION" the following: ", INCENTIVE, AND GRANT
4 OPTIONS".

5 2. Page 1, line 22, by inserting after the word
6 "with" the following: "expanding the commission's
7 current assistance to youth who are in a foster care
8 placement and with".

9 3. Page 1, line 25, by inserting after the figure
10 "1." the following: "The commission shall also
11 consider options for providing undergraduate
12 opportunities for eligible students, including
13 incentives for foster parents who continue to support
14 eligible students after the students become adults."

15 4. Page 1, line 33, by inserting after the word
16 "eligible," the following: "special forms of support
17 necessary for eligible students to achieve academic
18 success,".

19 5. Page 2, line 1, by inserting after the word
20 "implementation" the following: "of the options".

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HF 2430

1 Section 1. STUDY OF TUITION AND FEE EXEMPTION FOR PERSONS
2 WHO HAVE RECEIVED FOSTER CARE.

3 1. For the purposes of this section, "eligible student"
4 means an individual who was subject to a court order under
5 chapter 232 transferring the custody of the individual to the
6 department of human services as a child in need of assistance
7 or terminating the individual's parental rights and who was in
8 a foster care or another out-of-home placement for a period of
9 six months or longer at any time between the individual's
10 fourteenth and eighteenth birthday. An eligible student must
11 have graduated from high school or received the equivalent of
12 a high school diploma. An eligible student must be qualified
13 for acceptance for enrollment in an undergraduate course of
14 study at a community college as defined in section 260C.2, an
15 institution of higher learning under the control of the state
16 board of regents, or an accredited private institution as
17 defined in chapter 261 on or before the third anniversary of
18 the date the student was discharged from foster care,
19 graduated from high school, or received the equivalent of a
20 high school diploma.

21 2. The college student aid commission shall study policy
22 considerations and costs associated with exempting eligible
23 students from payment of undergraduate tuition and mandatory
24 fees at any of the educational institutions listed in
25 subsection 1. The commission shall consult with the
26 departments of education and human services, representatives
27 of the listed educational institutions, and other persons who
28 are knowledgeable concerning eligible students, their
29 educational needs, their special needs, and their financial
30 means. The commission shall submit a report of the study to
31 the governor and general assembly on or before December 15,
32 2000. The report shall include projections on numbers of
33 students who may be eligible, options for implementing the
34 payment exemption which may include various forms of financial
35 assistance, cost projections for the options, and findings and

1 recommendations for implementation.

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EXPLANATION

3 This bill provides for a study of exempting undergraduate
4 tuition and fees applicable to certain individuals who were
5 placed in foster care or another out-of-home placement.

6 The bill includes a definition of the term "eligible
7 student" as an individual who was subject to a juvenile court
8 order transferring custody of the individual to the department
9 of human services as a child in need of assistance or
10 terminating the parental rights of the individual's parents
11 and the individual was in foster care or another out-of-home
12 placement for a period of six months or longer at any time
13 between the individual's 14th and 18th birthdays. The
14 definition includes other requirements involving completion of
15 high school or an equivalent program and meeting requirements
16 for acceptance for enrollment in an undergraduate course of
17 study.

18 The study is to be performed by the college student aid
19 commission with a report due to the governor and general
20 assembly by December 15, 2000. The commission is to consult
21 with various state agencies, persons who are knowledgeable
22 concerning eligible students, and representatives of community
23 colleges, institutions of higher learning under the state
24 board of regents, and accredited private colleges and
25 universities.

26 The study report is to include projections of the number of
27 eligible students, options for implementing the payment
28 exemption through use of financial assistance and other means,
29 cost projections for the options, and other information.

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