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HUMAN RESOURCES

HOUSE FILE

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the tuition and fees charged by regents
 2 institutions and community colleges to certain persons who
 3 were placed in foster care or another out-of-home placement.
 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 261.21A TUITION AND FEES
2 EXEMPTION FOR PERSONS WHO RECEIVED FOSTER CARE.

3 1. For the purposes of this section unless the context
4 otherwise requires, "eligible student" means an individual who
5 meets both of the following conditions:

6 a. The student was subject to a court order under chapter
7 232, division III or IV, which transferred the custody of the
8 student to the department of human services and the student
9 was placed in foster care or another out-of-home placement at
10 any of the following times in the student's life:

11 (1) The day before the student's eighteenth birthday.

12 (2) The day of the student's fourteenth birthday, if the
13 student was eligible for adoption on or after that date.

14 (3) The day on which the student graduated from high
15 school or received the equivalent of a high school diploma.

16 b. The student enrolls in an undergraduate course of study
17 at a community college as defined in section 260C.2, or an
18 institution of higher learning under the control of the state
19 board of regents on or before the third anniversary of the
20 date the student was discharged from foster care, graduated
21 from high school, or received the equivalent of a high school
22 diploma.

23 2. An eligible student is exempt from payment of
24 undergraduate tuition and mandatory fees at a community
25 college as defined in section 260C.2, or an institution of
26 higher learning under the control of the state board of
27 regents.

28 EXPLANATION

29 This bill provides an exemption from the tuition and fees
30 charged by regents institutions and community colleges for
31 certain persons who were placed in foster care or another out-
32 of-home placement.

33 New Code section 261.21A would include the exemption as
34 part of the Code's college student aid commission chapter.
35 Eligibility is limited to students who were in the custody of

1 the department of human services under a child or family in
2 need of assistance court order and placed in foster care on
3 the day prior to their 18th birthday, on the day of their 14th
4 birthday if eligible for adoption, or on the day of high
5 school graduation or the receipt of an equivalency diploma.
6 The student must be enrolled in an undergraduate course of
7 study at a community college or regents institution on or
8 within three years of the date of discharge from foster care,
9 high school graduation, or receipt of the equivalent of a high
10 school diploma.

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