

EDUCATION

HOUSE FILE 617
BY RICHARDSON

Passed House, Date _____ Passed Senate, Date _____
Vote: Ayes _____ Nays _____ Vote: Ayes _____ Nays _____
Approved _____

A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a best of Iowa scholarship to be administered
2 by the college student aid commission and making an
3 appropriation.

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

- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10
- 11
- 12
- 13
- 14
- 15
- 16
- 17
- 18
- 19
- 20
- 21
- 22
- 23
- 24
- 25

HF
617

S.F. _____

H.F. 617

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 261.22 BEST OF IOWA SCHOLARSHIP
2 -- APPROPRIATION.

3 1. A best of Iowa scholarship is established to be
4 administered by the college student aid commission to provide
5 scholarships for residents of Iowa who achieve high scores on
6 a standardized, nationally recognized college admission
7 examination. An individual is eligible for a four-year
8 scholarship or the semester, quarter, or trimester equivalent,
9 if the individual is a resident of this state, makes
10 application as directed by the commission, and submits
11 evidence to the commission that the individual has achieved a
12 composite score of thirty or greater on the American college
13 testing assessment or that the individual has achieved a
14 comparable composite score on the scholastic assessment test,
15 and is enrolled at a community college as defined in section
16 260C.2, an institution of higher learning under the control of
17 the state board of regents, or an accredited private
18 institution as defined in section 261.9.

19 2. To receive the Iowa pride scholarship, the individual
20 shall annually submit evidence to the commission that the
21 individual is enrolled and making satisfactory academic
22 progress as a full-time or part-time student at an institution
23 as specified in subsection 1.

24 3. The scholarship amount awarded annually to an
25 individual who meets the requirements of this section as a
26 full-time student shall be two thousand dollars. The
27 scholarship amount awarded annually to a part-time student
28 enrolled in a course of study including at least three
29 semester hours but fewer than twelve semester hours for the
30 fall, spring, and summer semesters, or the trimester or
31 quarter equivalent, shall be equal to the amount of a
32 scholarship award that would be paid to a full-time student
33 times a number which represents the number of hours in which
34 the part-time student is actually enrolled divided by twelve
35 semester hours, or the trimester or quarter equivalent.

1 4. There is appropriated from the general fund of the
2 state to the college student aid commission, from funds not
3 otherwise appropriated, an amount necessary to provide
4 scholarships to individuals as provided in this section.

5 EXPLANATION

6 This bill establishes a best of Iowa scholarship and
7 appropriates from the general fund of the state an amount
8 sufficient to award annual scholarships of \$2,000 to residents
9 of Iowa who achieve high scores on a standardized, nationally
10 recognized college admission examination. The college student
11 aid commission is directed to administer the program.

12 An individual is eligible for the four-year scholarship if
13 the individual is a resident of this state, makes application
14 as directed by the commission, and submits evidence to the
15 commission that the individual has achieved a composite score
16 of 30 or greater on an ACT college entrance exam, or achieved
17 a comparable composite score on the SAT college entrance exam
18 and is enrolled in an eligible Iowa higher education
19 institution. To receive the scholarship, an individual is
20 required to annually submit evidence that the individual is
21 enrolled and making satisfactory academic progress as a full-
22 time or part-time student at a community college, a regents
23 university, or an accredited private institution.

24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33
34
35