## House Study Bill 561 - Introduced

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BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF

EDUCATION/COLLEGE STUDENT

AID COMMISSION BILL)

## A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to the resumption of tuition grant eligibility.
- 2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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- 1 Section 1. Section 261.11, Code 2009, is amended to read as 2 follows:
- 3 261.11 Extent of grant.
- 4 A qualified full-time resident student may receive tuition
- 5 grants for not more than eight semesters of undergraduate study
- 6 or the trimester or quarter equivalent. A qualified part-time
- 7 resident student may receive tuition grants for not more than
- 8 sixteen semesters of undergraduate study or the trimester
- 9 or quarter equivalent. However, a person who previously
- 10 received tuition grants and who resumes study after an absence
- 11 from postsecondary education studies of not less than four
- 12 consecutive years and who meets the requirements established
- 13 pursuant to section 261.10 shall regain eligibility for tuition
- 14 grants to the full extent specified in this section.
- 15 Sec. 2. Section 261.86, subsection 3, Code 2009, is amended
- 16 to read as follows:
- 17 3. a. An eligible member of the national guard, attending
- 18 an institution as provided in subsection 1, paragraph "d", as
- 19 a full-time student, shall not receive educational assistance
- 20 under this section for more than eight semesters, or if
- 21 attending as a part-time student for not more than sixteen
- 22 semesters, of undergraduate study, or the trimester or quarter
- 23 equivalent.
- 24 b. A national guard member who has met the educational
- 25 requirements for a baccalaureate degree is ineligible for
- 26 educational assistance under this section.
- 27 c. Notwithstanding paragraph "a", an eligible member of the
- 28 national guard who previously received educational assistance
- 29 under this section and who resumes study after an absence
- 30 from postsecondary education studies of not less than four
- 31 consecutive years shall regain eligibility for educational
- 32 assistance under this section to the full extent specified in
- 33 paragraph "a".
- 34 Sec. 3. Section 261.94, Code 2009, is amended to read as
- 35 follows:

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- 1 261.94 Extent of grant.
- 2 A qualified full-time resident student may receive grants
- 3 for not more than eight semesters of undergraduate study or
- 4 the trimester or quarter equivalent. A qualified part-time
- 5 resident student may receive grants for not more than sixteen
- 6 semesters of undergraduate study or the trimester or quarter
- 7 equivalent. However, a person who previously received grants
- 8 and who resumes study after an absence from postsecondary
- 9 education studies of not less than four consecutive years and
- 10 who meets the requirements established pursuant to section
- 11 261.93 shall regain eligibility for tuition grants to the full
- 12 extent specified in this section.
- 13 EXPLANATION
- 14 This bill permits a person who was receiving an Iowa tuition
- 15 grant, an Iowa grant, or national guard educational assistance
- 16 and who abandoned postsecondary educational studies for not
- 17 less than four consecutive years, to regain eligibility for
- 18 the full extent of the Iowa tuition grant, Iowa grant, or
- 19 national quard educational assistance, whether or not the
- 20 person received Iowa tuition grant, Iowa grant, or national
- 21 guard educational assistance moneys prior to the person's
- 22 minimum four-year absence from postsecondary education studies.
- 23 The full extent of grant or tuition assistance is up to eight
- 24 full-time, or 16 part-time, semesters of undergraduate study,
- 25 or the trimester or quarter equivalent.