Senate Study Bill 3139 - Introduced

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BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION BILL)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to the elimination of the college student
- 2 aid commission, the establishment of a college student
- 3 aid council, and transferring the commission's duties and
- 4 responsibilities to the state board of education, the state
- 5 board of regents, and the department of education; making
- 6 appropriations; providing for related matters; and including
- 7 effective date provisions.
- 8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 DIVISION I

- 2 TRANSFER OF COMMISSION DUTIES
- 3 Section 1. Section 7A.4, subsection 4, Code 2011, is amended
- 4 by striking the subsection.
- 5 Sec. 2. Section 7E.7, Code 2011, is amended to read as
- 6 follows:
- 7 7E.7 Organizational structure.
- 8 For organizational purposes only, the following apply:
- 9 1. The Iowa higher education loan authority shall be
- 10 attached to the college student aid commission.
- 11 2. The Iowa advance funding authority shall be considered
- 12 part of the department of education. The department of
- 13 education may provide staff assistance and administrative
- 14 support to the authority.
- 15 Sec. 3. Section 8A.504, subsection 3, Code Supplement 2011,
- 16 is amended to read as follows:
- 3. In the case of multiple claims to payments filed under
- 18 this section, priority shall be given to claims filed by the
- 19 child support recovery unit or the foster care recovery unit,
- 20 next priority shall be given to claims filed by the clerk of
- 21 the district court, next priority shall be given to claims
- 22 filed by the college student aid commission, next priority
- 23 shall be given to claims filed by the investigations division
- 24 of the department of inspections and appeals, and last priority
- 25 shall be given to claims filed by other state agencies. In the
- 26 case of multiple claims in which the priority is not otherwise
- 27 provided by this subsection, priority shall be determined in
- 28 accordance with rules to be established by the director.
- 29 Sec. 4. Section 8A.504, subsection 4, Code Supplement 2011,
- 30 is amended by striking the subsection.
- 31 Sec. 5. Section 35.9, subsection 2, paragraph b, Code 2011,
- 32 is amended to read as follows:
- 33 b. A child eliqible to receive state educational assistance
- 34 under this subsection shall begin postsecondary education prior
- 35 to reaching age twenty-six, shall not receive more than an

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- 1 amount equal to five times the highest resident undergraduate
- 2 tuition rate established per year for an institution of higher
- 3 learning under the control of the state board of regents
- 4 during the child's lifetime, and shall, to remain eligible
- 5 for assistance, meet the academic progress standards of the
- 6 postsecondary educational institution. Payments for state
- 7 educational assistance for a child under this subsection
- 8 shall be made to the applicable postsecondary educational
- 9 institution. The college student aid commission department of
- 10 education may, if requested, assist the department of veterans
- ll affairs in administering this subsection.
- 12 Sec. 6. Section 135.107, subsection 3, paragraph b,
- 13 subparagraph (3), Code 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- 14 (3) The center for rural health and primary care may enter
- 15 into an agreement under chapter 28E with the college student
- 16 aid commission department of education for the administration
- 17 of this program.
- 18 Sec. 7. Section 135.107, subsection 3, paragraph c,
- 19 subparagraph (3), Code 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- 20 (3) The center for rural health and primary care may enter
- 21 into an agreement under chapter 28E with the college student
- 22 aid commission department of education for the administration
- 23 of this program.
- Sec. 8. Section 135.175, subsection 5, paragraph b, Code
- 25 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- 26 b. The health care professional and Iowa needs nurses now
- 27 initiative account. The health care professional and Iowa
- 28 needs nurses now initiative account shall be under the control
- 29 of the college student aid commission created in section 261.1
- 30 department of education as provided in chapter 261 and the
- 31 moneys in the account shall be used for the purposes of the
- 32 health care professional incentive payment program and the Iowa
- 33 needs nurses now initiative as specified in sections 261.128
- 34 and 261.129. Moneys in the account shall consist of moneys
- 35 appropriated or allocated for deposit in or received by the

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- 1 fund or the account and specifically dedicated to the health
- 2 care professional and Iowa needs nurses now initiative or the
- 3 account for the purposes of the account.
- 4 Sec. 9. Section 135.177, subsection 1, Code Supplement
- 5 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- 6 1. The department, in cooperation with the college student
- 7 aid commission department of education as provided in chapter
- 8 261, shall establish a physician assistant mental health
- 9 fellowship program in accordance with this section. Funding
- 10 for the program may be provided through the health care
- ll workforce shortage fund or the physician assistant mental
- 12 health fellowship program account created in section 135.175.
- 13 The purpose of the program is to determine the effect of
- 14 specialized training and support for physician assistants in
- 15 providing mental health services on addressing Iowa's shortage
- 16 of mental health professionals.
- 17 Sec. 10. Section 135.177, subsection 2, paragraph e, Code
- 18 Supplement 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- 19 e. A student participating in the program shall be eligible
- 20 for a stipend of not more than fifty thousand dollars for the
- 21 twelve months of the fellowship plus related fringe benefits.
- 22 In addition, a student who completes the program and practices
- 23 in Iowa in a mental health professional shortage area, as
- 24 defined in section 135.180, shall be eligible for up to twenty
- 25 thousand dollars in loan forgiveness. The stipend and loan
- 26 forgiveness provisions shall be determined by the department of
- 27 public health and the college student aid commission department
- 28 of education, in consultation with the clinical partners.
- 29 Sec. 11. Section 232.2, subsection 4, paragraph f,
- 30 subparagraph (5), Code 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- 31 (5) If the child is interested in pursuing higher education,
- 32 the transition plan shall provide for the child's participation
- 33 in the college student aid commission's department of
- 34 education's program of assistance in applying for federal and
- 35 state aid under section 261.2.

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- 1 Sec. 12. Section 256.7, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code
- 2 Supplement 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- 3 Except for the college student aid commission, the
- 4 commission of libraries and division of library services, and
- 5 the public broadcasting board and division, the state board
- 6 shall:
- 7 Sec. 13. Section 256.7, subsection 22, Code Supplement
- 8 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- 9 22. Adopt rules and a procedure for the approval of
- 10 para-educator preparation programs offered by a public school
- 11 district, area education agency, community college, institution
- 12 of higher education under the state board of regents, or an
- 13 accredited private institution as defined in section 261.9,
- 14 subsection 1 261.1. The programs shall train and recommend
- 15 individuals for para-educator certification under section
- 16 272.12.
- 17 Sec. 14. Section 256.7, Code Supplement 2011, is amended by
- 18 adding the following new subsection:
- 19 NEW SUBSECTION. 31. Adopt rules for the administration
- 20 of chapter 261, including as provided in section 261.3, and
- 21 chapter 261B.
- Sec. 15. Section 256.9, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code
- 23 Supplement 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- 24 Except for the college student aid commission, the
- 25 commission of libraries and division of library services, and
- 26 the public broadcasting board and division, the director shall:
- 27 Sec. 16. Section 261.1, Code 2011, is amended by striking
- 28 the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
- 29 261.1 Definitions.
- 30 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise
- 31 requires:
- 32 1. "Accredited private institution" means an eligible
- 33 institution which is operated privately and not controlled or
- 34 administered by any state agency or any subdivision of the
- 35 state and which meets the criteria of either paragraphs "a" and

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- 1 "b" or paragraph "c" as follows:
- a. Is accredited by the higher learning commission of the
- 3 north central association of colleges and schools accrediting
- 4 agency.
- 5 b. Is exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3) of
- 6 the Internal Revenue Code, and annually provides a matching
- 7 aggregate amount of institutional financial aid equal to
- 8 at least seventy-five percent of the amount received in a
- 9 fiscal year by the institution's students for Iowa tuition
- 10 grant assistance under this chapter. The matching aggregate
- ll amount of institutional financial aid shall increase annually
- 12 by the percentage of increase each fiscal year of funds
- 13 appropriated for Iowa tuition grants under section 261.12,
- 14 to a maximum match of one hundred percent. The institution
- 15 shall file annual reports with the department prior to receipt
- 16 of tuition grant moneys under this chapter. For purposes of
- 17 this subsection and section 261.12, subsection 2, "for-profit
- 18 accredited private institution" means an institution whose
- 19 students were eligible to receive tuition grants in the fiscal
- 20 year beginning July 1, 2003, whose income is not exempt from
- 21 taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code,
- 22 and that meets the accreditation requirements of paragraph "a"
- 23 and the match requirements of this paragraph. A for-profit
- 24 accredited private institution is ineligible to receive tuition
- 25 grant funds awarded pursuant to section 261.12, subsection 1.
- c. Is a specialized college that is accredited by the
- 27 higher learning commission of the north central association
- 28 of colleges and schools accrediting agency, and which offers
- 29 health professional programs that are affiliated with health
- 30 care systems located in Iowa.
- 2. "Community college" means the same as defined in section
- 32 260C.2.
- 33 3. "Course of study" means a postsecondary educational
- 34 program that an eligible institution offers through any one or
- 35 a combination of in-person instruction and distance delivery.

- 1 4. "Department" means the department of education.
- 2 5. "Eligible borrower" means a person, or the parent of
- 3 a person, who is enrolled or will be enrolled at an eligible
- 4 institution. An eligible borrower must meet the general
- 5 eligibility requirements established by the state board.
- 6 6. "Eligible institution" means a community college, an
- 7 institution of higher education governed by the state board of
- 8 regents, or a postsecondary educational institution that is
- 9 located in Iowa and meets all of the following requirements:
- 10 a. Submits an annual report in a format approved by the
- 11 department that includes but is not limited to accurate
- 12 institutional and student data required by the department
- 13 for the administration of programs established pursuant to
- 14 this chapter and to meet policy analysis needs of the general
- 15 assembly. The report shall include the annual fall enrollment
- 16 count of full-time, part-time, online, extension, and dual
- 17 enrollment students determined on the official fall enrollment
- 18 date set by the United States department of education. The
- 19 department may withhold payment of funds to students at an
- 20 otherwise eligible institution if the institution fails to file
- 21 a timely, accurate, or complete report, until such time as the
- 22 required reports have been submitted to the department.
- 23 b. Promotes equal opportunity and affirmative action efforts
- 24 in the recruitment, appointment, assignment, and advancement of
- 25 personnel at the institution.
- 26 c. Adopts a policy to offer not less than the following
- 27 options to a student who is a member, or the spouse of a member
- 28 if the member has a dependent child, of the Iowa national guard
- 29 or reserve forces of the United States and who is ordered to
- 30 state military service or federal service or duty:
- 31 (1) Withdraw from the student's entire registration and
- 32 receive a full refund of tuition and mandatory fees.
- 33 (2) Make arrangements with the student's instructors for
- 34 course grades, or for incompletes that shall be completed by
- 35 the student at a later date. If such arrangements are made,

- 1 the student's registration shall remain intact and tuition and
- 2 mandatory fees shall be assessed for the courses in full.
- 3 (3) Make arrangements with only some of the student's
- 4 instructors for grades, or for incompletes that shall be
- 5 completed by the student at a later date. If such arrangements
- 6 are made, the registration for those courses shall remain
- 7 intact and tuition and mandatory fees shall be assessed for
- 8 those courses. Any course for which arrangements cannot be
- 9 made for grades or incompletes shall be considered dropped and
- 10 the tuition and mandatory fees for the course refunded.
- 11 d. Is not required to register under chapter 261B.
- 12 e. Is eligible to participate in a federal student aid
- 13 program authorized under Tit. IV of the federal Higher
- 14 Education Act of 1965, as amended.
- 7. "Eligible lender" means a financial or credit
- 16 institution, insurance company, or other approved lender which
- 17 meets the standards prescribed by the state board and has
- 18 executed a lender participation agreement with the department.
- 19 8. "Eligible student" means a student who complies with all
- 20 of the following:
- 21 a. Is a citizen or eligible noncitizen of the United States
- 22 and a resident of this state.
- 23 b. Is enrolled and making satisfactory academic progress or
- 24 accepted for enrollment at an eligible institution.
- c. Completes and files an application for a scholarship or
- 26 grant.
- 27 d. Is responsible for the submission of the parents'
- 28 confidential statement for processing, the processed
- 29 information to be returned both to the department and to the
- 30 institution in which the applicant is enrolling.
- 31 e. Reports promptly to the department any information
- 32 requested.
- 33 f. Files a new application and parents' confidential
- 34 statement annually on the basis of which the applicant's
- 35 eligibility for a renewed tuition grant will be evaluated and

- 1 determined.
- 2 g. Has not defaulted on a loan guaranteed by the federal 3 government.
- 4 9. "Fee" means actual charges in addition to tuition that
- 5 are consistently assessed to all undergraduate students by an
- 6 eligible institution. Mandatory fees may differ by program,
- 7 but must be applied to all students enrolled in a specific
- 8 program.
- 9 10. "Financial need" means the difference between the
- 10 student's financial resources available, including those
- 11 available from the student and the student's parents as
- 12 determined by a completed parents' confidential statement and
- 13 any federal or state program for which the student is eligible,
- 14 and the student's anticipated expenses while attending an
- 15 eligible institution. Financial need shall be determined at
- 16 least annually.
- 17 ll. "Full-time student" means an eligible student who
- 18 is enrolled in a course of study including at least twelve
- 19 semester hours or the equivalent of twelve semester hours.
- 20 12. "Grant" means an award by the state of Iowa to an
- 21 eligible student under a program administered by the department
- 22 pursuant to this chapter.
- 23 13. "Part-time student" means an eligible student who is
- 24 enrolled in a course of study including at least three semester
- 25 hours or the equivalent of three semester hours.
- 26 14. "Qualified student" means an eligible student who has
- 27 established financial need and is making satisfactory progress
- 28 toward graduation.
- 29 15. "State board" means the state board of education.
- 30 16. "Tuition grant" means an award by the state of Iowa to a
- 31 qualified student under 261.10.
- 32 Sec. 17. Section 261.2, Code Supplement 2011, is amended to
- 33 read as follows:
- 34 261.2 Duties of commission department.
- 35 The commission department shall do all of the following:

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1 l. a. Prepare and administer a state plan for a state
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- 2 supported state-supported and administered state-administered
- 3 scholarship program and grant programs. The state plan shall
- 4 provide for scholarships and grants to deserving students of
- 5 Iowa, matriculating in Iowa universities, colleges, community
- 6 colleges, or schools of professional nursing. Eligibility of
- 7 a student for receipt of a scholarship shall be based upon
- 8 academic achievement and completion of advanced level courses
- 9 prescribed by the commission.
- 10 \underline{b} . Approve and award scholarships and grants under the state 11 plan.
- 12 2. Administer the tuition grant program under this chapter.
- 3. 2. Develop and implement, in cooperation with the
- 14 state board of regents, an educational program and marketing
- 15 strategies designed to inform students and parents about the
- 16 options available for financing a college education and the
- 17 need to accumulate the financial resources necessary to pay for
- 18 a college education. The educational program shall include
- 19 but not be limited to distribution of informational material
- 20 to public and nonpublic elementary schools for distribution to
- 21 parents and guardians of five-year and six-year old children.
- 22 4. 3. Approve Administer and approve transfers from the
- 23 scholarship and $\frac{\text{tuition}}{\text{grant}}$ grant reserve fund under section $\frac{261.20}{\text{cm}}$
- 24 261.4.
- 25 5. Develop and implement, in cooperation with the
- 26 judicial district departments of correctional services and
- 27 the department of corrections, a program to assist criminal
- 28 offenders in applying for federal and state aid available for
- 29 higher education.
- 30 6. Develop and implement, in cooperation with the
- 31 department of human services and the judicial branch, a program
- 32 to assist juveniles who are sixteen years of age or older and
- 33 who have a case permanency plan under chapter 232 or 237 or are
- 34 otherwise under the jurisdiction of chapter 232 in applying
- 35 for federal and state aid available for higher education.

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- 1 The commission shall also develop and implement the all Iowa
- 2 opportunity foster care grant program in accordance with
- 3 section 261.6.
- 4 7. 4. a. Adopt rules to establish reasonable registration
- 5 standards for the approval, pursuant to section 261B.3A, of
- 6 postsecondary schools that are required to register with the
- 7 commission in order to operate in this state. The registration
- 8 standards established by the commission shall ensure that all
- 9 of the following conditions are satisfied:
- 10 (1) The courses, curriculum, and instruction offered by
- 11 the postsecondary school are of such quality and content as
- 12 may reasonably and adequately ensure achievement of the stated
- 13 objective for which the courses, curriculum, or instruction are
- 14 offered.
- 15 (2) The postsecondary school has adequate space, equipment,
- 16 instructional material, and personnel to provide education and
- 17 training of good quality.
- 18 (3) The educational and experience qualifications of
- 19 the postsecondary school's directors, administrators, and
- 20 instructors are such as may reasonably ensure that students
- 21 will receive instruction consistent with the objectives of the
- 22 postsecondary school's programs of study.
- 23 (4) Upon completion of training or instruction, students
- 24 are given certificates, diplomas, or degrees as appropriate by
- 25 the postsecondary school indicating satisfactory completion of
- 26 the program.
- 27 (5) The postsecondary school is financially responsible and
- 28 capable of fulfilling commitments for instruction.
- 29 b. The commission shall post Post an application for
- 30 registration as a school operating as a postsecondary
- 31 educational institution or providing postsecondary
- 32 instructional programs on the commission's its internet
- 33 site and shall render a decision on an application for
- 34 registration within one hundred eighty days of the filing of
- 35 the application. The department shall charge a reasonable

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- 1 fee to process the applications. The moneys collected from
- 2 application fees shall be considered a repayment receipt,
- 3 as defined in section 8.2, and shall be retained by the
- 4 department.
- 5 8. 5. Submit by January 15 annually a report to the
- 6 general assembly which provides, by program, the number of
- 7 individuals who received loan forgiveness in the previous
- 8 fiscal year, the amount paid to individuals under sections
- 9 261.23, 261.73, and 261.112, and the institutions from which
- 10 individuals graduated, and that includes any proposed statutory
- 11 changes and Make an annual report to the state board, the
- 12 governor, and the general assembly on the activities of the
- 13 department required under this chapter including but not
- 14 limited to the number of individuals who received scholarships,
- 15 grants, and loan forgiveness in the previous fiscal year. The
- 16 report shall include the methodology and manner in which the
- 17 department makes the determination of awards for programs for
- 18 which funds are appropriated under this chapter. The report
- 19 shall also include the commission's department's findings and
- 20 recommendations.
- 21 9. 6. Require any postsecondary institution whose students
- 22 are eligible for or who receive assistance under programs
- 23 administered by the commission department pursuant to this
- 24 chapter and who were enrolled in a school district in Iowa to
- 25 include in its student management information system the unique
- 26 student identifiers assigned to the institution's students
- 27 while the students were in the state's kindergarten through
- 28 grade twelve system.
- 29 10. Administer the health care professional incentive
- 30 payment program established in section 261.128 and the Iowa
- 31 needs nurses now initiative created in section 261.129. This
- 32 subsection is repealed June 30, 2014.
- 33 11. 7. Ensure that students receiving state-funded
- 34 scholarships and grants are attending institutions of higher
- 35 education that meet all of the following conditions:

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- 1 a. The institutions are not required to register under
- 2 chapter 261B.
- 3 b. The institutions are eligible to participate in a federal
- 4 student aid program authorized under Tit. IV of the federal
- 5 Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended.
- 6 12. 8. Require any postsecondary institution whose
- 7 students are eligible for or who receive financial assistance
- 8 under programs administered by the commission department
- 9 pursuant to this chapter to transmit annually to the commission
- 10 department information about the numbers of minority students
- 11 enrolled in and minority faculty members employed at the
- 12 institution. The commission department shall compile and
- 13 report the information collected to the general assembly,
- 14 the governor, and the legislative services agency by March 1
- 15 annually.
- 9. Maintain an agency operating account as authorized
- 17 by the federal Higher Education Act of 1965. The department
- 18 shall credit to this account all moneys provided for the state
- 19 student loan program by the United States, the state of Iowa,
- 20 or any of their agencies, departments or instrumentalities, as
- 21 well as any funds accruing to the program from other sources.
- 22 The department may expend moneys in the agency operating
- 23 account as authorized by the federal Higher Education Act
- 24 of 1965 as necessary to execute the department's powers and
- 25 duties under this chapter. Notwithstanding section 8.33,
- 26 funds on deposit in the operating account shall not revert
- 27 to the general fund of the state at the close of any fiscal
- 28 year. The treasurer of state shall invest any funds, including
- 29 those in the operating account, and, notwithstanding section
- 30 12C.7, the interest income earned shall be credited back to the
- 31 appropriate accounts.
- 32 10. Administer all properties and moneys necessary to
- 33 execute the department's powers and duties under this chapter
- 34 in accordance with the requirements of the federal Higher
- 35 Education Act of 1965, as amended.

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- 1 ll. Enter into any agreements with the United States
- 2 secretary of education or other federal agency as are necessary
- 3 to provide programs and services administered pursuant to this
- 4 chapter to current and future Iowa postsecondary students, to
- 5 the students' school counselors, parents, and guardians, and
- 6 to the elementary, secondary, and postsecondary institutions
- 7 the students attend.
- 8 12. Administer the college access challenge grant program
- 9 authorized by 20 U.S.C. § 1141, or its successor program.
- 10 13. Administer the gaining early awareness and readiness
- 11 for undergraduate program authorized by 20 U.S.C. § 1070a-21
- 12 through 1070a-28, or its successor program.
- 13 14. Enter into any agreements with the United States
- 14 secretary of education necessary for purposes of receiving the
- 15 full benefit of state program incentives offered pursuant to
- 16 the Higher Education Act of 1965.
- 17 15. Develop and implement programs and other initiatives
- 18 or services necessary to perform duties that include but are
- 19 not limited to postsecondary student aid outreach, financial
- 20 literacy education, career planning, postsecondary student
- 21 aid program compliance assistance and training, postsecondary
- 22 student aid program monitoring and compliance relating
- 23 to eligible institutions, default prevention, and default
- 24 aversion.
- 25 16. Conduct college access initiative activities including
- 26 but not limited to providing publications, programs, training,
- 27 and internet-based resources for the public relating to college
- 28 planning, career preparation, and paying for college. As
- 29 deemed necessary, provide applicants with information about
- 30 enrollment, placement statistics, and the past default rates
- 31 of postsecondary institutions.
- 32 17. Negotiate and contract with private and government
- 33 agencies for the establishment of financial aid programs;
- 34 receive gifts of any type for the purpose of establishing,
- 35 continuing, and increasing financial aid; and administer

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- 1 any form of financial aid submitted to and accepted for
- 2 administration by the department.
- 3 18. Appoint a chief administrative officer to direct and
- 4 oversee the day-to-day activities of the department required
- 5 pursuant to this chapter. The chief administrative officer
- 6 shall have expertise in student financial aid programs,
- 7 including but not limited to state and federal scholarship and
- 8 grant programs and federal student aid programs.
- 9 Sec. 18. Section 261.3, Code 2011, is amended by striking
- 10 the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
- 11 261.3 Duties of the state board decisions final.
- 12 1. The state board shall adopt rules for the administration
- 13 of this chapter, including but not limited to rules for the
- 14 following:
- 15 a. Standards, guidelines, and procedures for each
- 16 individual program administered by the department under this
- 17 chapter. The rules adopted pursuant to this subsection shall
- 18 provide for the receipt, processing, and administration of
- 19 student applications and loans; determining financial need
- 20 and the priority of grants awarded based on financial need;
- 21 defining tuition and mandatory fees; processing and approving
- 22 applications for scholarships, grants, and loans; determining
- 23 eligibility requirements for eligible borrowers; determining
- 24 priority for grants and loans; awarding tuition grants;
- 25 establishing procedures for the repayment of loans and for
- 26 the deferral of loan repayment for purposes including but
- 27 not limited to fulfillment of obligations such as military
- 28 service obligations; and defining residence and determining who
- 29 is a resident of Iowa. The state board may provide for the
- 30 proration of funds if the available funds are insufficient to
- 31 pay all approved scholarships or grants. Such proration shall
- 32 take primary account of the financial need of the applicant.
- 33 The rules for determining who is a resident of Iowa shall be at
- 34 least as restrictive as those of the state board of regents.
- 35 b. Develop and implement a method for allocating moneys

1 awarded under section 261.11 based upon the need for skills

- 2 and occupations for which a career and technical education is
- 3 required.
- 4 c. Prescribe by rule interest rates for student loans
- 5 administered by the department.
- 6 2. For purposes of this chapter, a decision of the state
- 7 board is final agency action under chapter 17A.
- 8 Sec. 19. Section 261.4, Code 2011, is amended by striking
- 9 the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
- 10 261.4 Scholarships and grant reserve fund.
- 11 1. A scholarship and grant reserve fund is created to assure
- 12 that financial assistance will be available to all students
- 13 who are awarded scholarships or grants through programs funded
- 14 under this chapter. The fund is created as a separate fund in
- 15 the state treasury, and moneys in the fund shall not revert to
- 16 the general fund unless, and then only to the extent that, the
- 17 funds exceed the maximum allowed balance.
- 18 2. The maximum balance of the scholarship and grant
- 19 reserve fund is an amount equal to two percent of the funds
- 20 appropriated to the scholarship and grant programs under
- 21 this chapter during the preceding fiscal year. Moneys in
- 22 the account shall only be used to alleviate a current fiscal
- 23 year shortfall in appropriations for scholarships, grants, and
- 24 other programs under this chapter. At the conclusion of a
- 25 fiscal year, any surplus appropriations made to the department
- 26 for scholarships and grant programs are appropriated to the
- 27 scholarship and grant reserve fund in an amount equal to the
- 28 amount of the surplus or the amount necessary to achieve the
- 29 maximum balance, whichever amount is less.
- 30 3. Transfers of moneys from the scholarship and grant
- 31 reserve fund to appropriation accounts in which there is
- 32 a current fiscal year shortfall may be made only with the
- 33 prior written approval of the governor. At least two weeks
- 34 before moneys are transferred from the fund, the department
- 35 shall notify the chairpersons of the standing appropriations

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- 1 committees of the general assembly and the co-chairpersons
- 2 of the education appropriations subcommittee of the proposed
- 3 transfer. The notice shall include information concerning
- 4 the amount of and reason for the proposed transfer. The
- 5 chairpersons shall be given at least two weeks to review and
- 6 comment on the proposed transfer before the transfer can be 7 made.
- 8 Sec. 20. Section 261.5, subsections 2, 3, and 4, Code 2011,
- 9 are amended to read as follows:
- 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, in
- 11 the event of a national emergency declared by the president
- 12 of the United States by reason of terrorist attack, the
- 13 commission department may waive or modify any statutory or
- 14 regulatory provision applicable to state financial aid programs
- 15 established pursuant to this chapter to ensure, with regard to
- 16 affected individuals, that the following occurs:
- 17 a. The financial positions of affected individuals who are
- 18 state student loan borrowers are not worsened in relation to
- 19 those loans because of their status as affected individuals.
- 20 b. Administrative requirements placed on state student
- 21 loan borrowers are minimized, to the extent possible, without
- 22 impairing the integrity of the student loan programs, to
- 23 ease the burden on these borrowers and to avoid inadvertent
- 24 technical violations or defaults.
- 25 c. The calculation of "annual adjusted family income" and
- 26 "available income", as used in the determination of need for
- 27 student financial assistance under 20 U.S.C. § 1070 et seq.,
- 28 for affected individuals, or if applicable, for the spouses or
- 29 dependents of affected individuals, may be modified to mean
- 30 the sums received in the first calendar year of the award year
- 31 for which the determination is made, in order to reflect more
- 32 accurately the financial condition of the affected individuals
- 33 or their families.
- 34 3. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, in
- 35 the event of a national emergency declared by the president

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- 1 of the United States by reason of terrorist attack, the
- 2 commission department may grant temporary relief from
- 3 requirements rendered infeasible or unreasonable, including
- 4 due diligence requirements and reporting deadlines, by the
- 5 national emergency, to an institution of higher education under
- 6 the state board of regents, a community college, an accredited
- 7 private institution as defined in section 261.9, eligible
- 8 lenders, and other entities participating in the state student
- 9 assistance programs in accordance with this chapter, that are
- 10 located in, or whose operations are directly affected by, areas
- 11 that are declared disaster areas by any federal, state, or
- 12 local official in connection with the national emergency. If
- 13 the commission department issues a waiver in accordance with
- 14 this section, the report prepared by the commission department
- 15 pursuant to section 17A.9A, subsection 5, shall include
- 16 examples of measures that a postsecondary institution may take
- 17 in the appropriate exercise of discretion, as provided in 20
- 18 U.S.C. § 1087tt, to adjust financial need and aid eligibility
- 19 determinations for affected individuals.
- 20 4. This section shall not be construed as a requirement that
- 21 the commission department exercise the waiver or modification
- 22 authority provided pursuant to this section on a case-by-case
- 23 basis.
- Sec. 21. Section 261.6, Code Supplement 2011, is amended
- 25 by striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the
- 26 following:
- 27 261.6 Iowa state fair scholarship.
- 28 The Iowa state fair scholarship fund is established in the
- 29 office of the treasurer of state to be administered by the
- 30 department. The rules adopted by the state board for the
- 31 administration of this chapter pursuant to section 256.7,
- 32 subsection 31, shall provide, at a minimum, that only residents
- 33 of Iowa who have actively participated in the Iowa state fair
- 34 and graduated from an accredited secondary school in Iowa
- 35 shall be eligible to receive an Iowa state fair scholarship

- 1 for matriculation at an eligible institution. Notwithstanding
- 2 section 12C.7, interest earned on money in the Iowa state fair
- 3 scholarship fund shall be deposited into the fund and may be
- 4 used by the department only for Iowa state fair scholarship
- 5 awards.
- 6 Sec. 22. Section 261.7, subsections 2 and 3, Code 2011, are
- 7 amended to read as follows:
- 8 2. The general assembly recommends that every public
- 9 and private institution of higher education in this state,
- 10 including those institutions referenced in chapters 260C and
- 11 262 and section 261.9 261.1, post the list of required and
- 12 suggested textbooks for all courses and the corresponding
- 13 international standard book numbers for such textbooks at least
- 14 fourteen days before the start of each semester or term, to
- 15 the extent possible, at the locations where textbooks are sold
- 16 on campus and on the website for the respective institution of
- 17 higher education.
- 18 3. The college student aid commission department is
- 19 directed to convey the legislative intent and recommendation
- 20 contained in this section to every institution of higher
- 21 education in the state registered pursuant to chapter 261B at
- 22 least once a year.
- 23 Sec. 23. NEW SECTION. 261.8 College student aid council.
- 24 l. A college student aid council is established consisting
- 25 of twelve members. Membership of the council shall be as
- 26 follows:
- 27 a. A member of the state board of regents, or the executive
- 28 director of the board, as appointed by the state board of
- 29 regents, who shall serve for a four-year term or until the
- 30 expiration of the member's term of office.
- 31 b. The director of the department or the director's
- 32 designee.
- c. Four members of the general assembly serving as ex
- 34 officio, nonvoting members who shall serve terms as provided in
- 35 section 69.16B and shall be appointed as follows:

- 1 (1) One representative to be appointed by the speaker of the 2 house of representatives.
- 3 (2) One representative to be appointed by the minority 4 leader of the house of representatives.
- 5 (3) One senator to be appointed by the president of the 6 senate after consultation with the majority leader of the 7 senate.
- 8 (4) One senator to be appointed by the minority leader of 9 the senate.
- 10 d. A college president appointed by an association which 11 represents the largest number of independent colleges and 12 universities in the state.
- 13 e. A community college president appointed by an association 14 which represents the largest number of community colleges in 15 the state.
- 16 f. A college president, appointed by the state board, who 17 represents for-profit colleges and universities in the state.
- 18 g. Three additional members, none of whom shall be official
- 19 board members or trustees of an institution of higher learning
- 20 or of an association of institutions of higher learning, shall
- 21 be selected by the state board to represent the general public.
- 22 One of these members shall be enrolled as a student at an 23 eligible institution.
- 24 2. Except as otherwise provided, members shall serve
- 25 staggered terms of four years beginning on May 1 of the year
- 26 of appointment. Vacancies on the council shall be filled
- 27 in the same manner as the original appointment. A person
- 28 appointed to fill a vacancy shall commence service on the date
- 29 of appointment and shall serve only for the unexpired portion
- 30 of the term. A vacancy shall exist on the council when the
- 31 student member ceases to be enrolled as a student; such vacancy
- 32 shall be filled within ninety days.
- 33 3. The council shall assist the state board with substantial
- 34 issues which are directly related to college student financial
- 35 aid and registration of postsecondary schools. The state board

1 shall refer all substantial issues directly related to college

- 2 student financial aid and registration of postsecondary schools
- 3 to the council. The council shall formulate recommendations on
- 4 each issue referred to it by the state board and shall submit
- 5 the recommendations to the state board within any time periods
- 6 specified by the state board.
- 7 Sec. 24. Section 261.10, Code 2011, is amended by striking
- 8 the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
- 9 261.10 Iowa tuition grant program.
- 10 l. An Iowa tuition grant program is established to be
- 11 administered by the department. An Iowa tuition grant may
- 12 be awarded to a qualified student who is admitted and in
- 13 attendance as a full-time or part-time student at an accredited
- 14 private institution. An Iowa tuition grant issued to a
- 15 qualified student from funds appropriated under section 261.12,
- 16 subsection 1, may be used for attendance at a not-for-profit
- 17 accredited private institution. An Iowa tuition grant
- 18 issued to a qualified student from funds appropriated under
- 19 section 261.12, subsection 2, may be used for attendance at
- 20 a for-profit accredited private institution as provided in
- 21 section 261.12, subsection 2.
- 22 2. A qualified full-time student may receive tuition grants
- 23 for not more than eight semesters of undergraduate study or the
- 24 equivalent. A qualified part-time student may receive tuition
- 25 grants for not more than sixteen semesters of undergraduate
- 26 study or the equivalent.
- 27 3. a. The amount of a tuition grant to a qualified
- 28 full-time student for the fall and spring semesters, or the
- 29 equivalent, shall be the amount of the student's financial
- 30 need for that period. However, a tuition grant shall not
- 31 exceed the lesser of the total tuition and mandatory fees for
- 32 that student for two semesters or the equivalent, less the
- 33 base amount determined annually by the department, which base
- 34 amount shall be within ten dollars of the average tuition for
- 35 two semesters or the equivalent of undergraduate study at the

1 state universities under the board of regents, or six thousand 2 dollars.

- 3 b. The amount of a tuition grant to a qualified full-time
- 4 student for the summer semester or the equivalent shall be
- 5 one-half the amount of the tuition grant the student receives
- 6 under paragraph "a".
- 7 c. The amount of a tuition grant to a qualified part-time
- 8 student enrolled in a course of study including at least three
- 9 semester hours but fewer than twelve semester hours for the
- 10 fall, spring, and summer semesters, or the equivalent, shall be
- 11 equal to the amount of a tuition grant that would be paid to a
- 12 full-time student times a number which represents the number
- 13 of hours in which the part-time student is actually enrolled
- 14 divided by twelve semester hours, or the equivalent.
- 15 4. A tuition grant may be made annually for the fall,
- 16 spring, and summer semesters or the equivalent. Payments under
- 17 the grant shall be allocated equally among the semesters,
- 18 or their equivalent and shall be paid at the beginning of
- 19 each semester, or the equivalent, upon certification by the
- 20 accredited private institution that the student is admitted and
- 21 in attendance. If the student discontinues attendance before
- 22 the end of any semester, or the equivalent, after receiving
- 23 payment under the grant, the entire amount of any refund due
- 24 that student, up to the amount of any payments made under
- 25 the annual grant, shall be paid by the accredited private
- 26 institution to the state.
- 27 Sec. 25. Section 261.11, Code 2011, is amended by striking
- 28 the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
- 29 261.11 Career and technical tuition grants.
- 30 1. A career and technical tuition grant may be awarded to
- 31 any resident of Iowa who is admitted and in attendance as a
- 32 full-time or part-time student in a career and technical or
- 33 career option program at a community college in the state, and
- 34 who establishes financial need.
- 35 2. All classes, including liberal arts classes, identified

1 by the community college as required for completion of the

- 2 student's career and technical or career option program shall
- 3 be considered a part of the student's career and technical
- 4 or career option program for the purpose of determining the
- 5 student's eligibility for a grant. Notwithstanding subsection
- 6 3, if a student is making satisfactory academic progress but
- 7 the student cannot complete a career and technical or career
- 8 option program in the time frame allowed for a student to
- 9 receive a career and technical tuition grant as provided
- 10 in subsection 3 because additional classes are required to
- 11 complete the program, the student may continue to receive
- 12 a career and technical tuition grant for not more than one
- 13 additional enrollment period.
- 14 3. a. A qualified full-time student may receive career
- 15 and technical tuition grants for not more than four semesters
- 16 or the equivalent of two full years of study. A qualified
- 17 part-time student enrolled in a course of study including at
- 18 least three semester hours but fewer than twelve semester hours
- 19 or the equivalent may receive career and technical tuition
- 20 grants for not more than eight semesters or the equivalent of
- 21 two full years of full-time study.
- 22 b. However, if a student resumes study after at least a
- 23 two-year absence, the student may again be eligible for the
- 24 specified amount of time.
- 25 4. a. The amount of a career and technical tuition grant to
- 26 a qualified full-time student shall not exceed the lesser of
- 27 one thousand two hundred dollars per year or the amount of the
- 28 student's established financial need.
- 29 b. The amount of a career and technical tuition grant to
- 30 a qualified part-time student enrolled in a course of study
- 31 including at least three semester hours but fewer than twelve
- 32 semester hours or the equivalent shall be equal to the amount
- 33 of a career and technical tuition grant that would be paid to
- 34 a full-time student, except that the department shall prorate
- 35 the amount in a manner consistent with the federal Pell grant

1 program proration.

- 2 5. A career and technical tuition grant shall be awarded
- 3 on an annual basis, requiring reapplication by the student
- 4 for each year. Payments under the grant shall be allocated
- 5 equally among the semesters of the year or the equivalent
- 6 upon certification by the institution that the student is in
- 7 full-time or part-time attendance in a career and technical or
- 8 career option program, as defined under rules adopted by the
- 9 state board. If the student discontinues attendance before
- 10 the end of any term after receiving payment of the grant, the
- 11 entire amount of any refund due that student, up to the amount
- 12 of any payments made under the annual grant, shall be paid by
- 13 the institution to the state.
- 14 6. If a student receives financial aid under any other
- 15 program, the full amount of that financial aid shall be
- 16 considered part of the student's financial resources available
- 17 in determining the amount of the student's financial need for
- 18 that period.
- 19 Sec. 26. Section 261.12, Code 2011, is amended by striking
- 20 the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
- 21 261.12 Appropriations standing limited.
- 22 l. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
- 23 to the department for each fiscal year the sum of forty-three
- 24 million five hundred thirteen thousand four hundred forty-eight
- 25 dollars for tuition grants.
- 26 2. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
- 27 to the department for each fiscal year the sum of four million
- 28 dollars for tuition grants for students attending for-profit
- 29 accredited private institutions located in Iowa. A for-profit
- 30 accredited institution which, effective March 9, 2005, or
- 31 effective January 8, 2010, purchased an accredited private
- 32 institution that was exempt from taxation under section 501(c)
- 33 of the Internal Revenue Code, shall be an eligible institution
- 34 under the tuition grant program.
- 35 3. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state

1 to the department for each fiscal year the sum of two million

- 2 two hundred fifty thousand one hundred eighty-five dollars for
- 3 career and technical tuition grants.
- 4 4. This section shall not be construed to be a limitation
- 5 on any of the amounts which may be appropriated by the general
- 6 assembly for any program enumerated in this section.
- 7 5. In the case of a qualified student who was enrolled in an
- 8 accredited private institution that was exempt from taxation
- 9 under section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code and that was
- 10 purchased by a for-profit institution effective January 8,
- 11 2010, and such qualified student continues to be enrolled in
- 12 the eligible institution in succeeding years, the student shall
- 13 continue to be eligible to receive funds under subsection 1
- 14 without a change in the student's qualification status.
- 15 Sec. 27. Section 261.18, subsections 3 and 9, Code 2011, are
- 16 amended to read as follows:
- 3. A qualified full-time student may receive a barber and
- 18 cosmetology arts and sciences tuition grant for not more than
- 19 four semesters or the trimester or quarter equivalent of two
- 20 full years of study. A qualified part-time student enrolled
- 21 in a course of study including at least three semester hours
- 22 but fewer than twelve semester hours or the trimester or
- 23 quarter equivalent may receive barber and cosmetology arts
- 24 and sciences tuition grants for not more than eight semesters
- 25 or the trimester or quarter equivalent of two full years of
- 26 full-time study. However, if a student resumes study after at
- 27 least a two-year absence, the student may again be eligible for
- 28 the specified amount of time, except that the student shall not
- 29 receive assistance for courses for which credit was previously
- 30 received.
- 31 9. For purposes of this section, "eligible school" means
- 32 a barber school licensed under section 158.7 or a school of
- 33 cosmetology arts and sciences licensed under chapter 157. An
- 34 eligible school shall be accredited by a national accrediting
- 35 agency recognized by the United States department of education

- 1 and shall meet the criteria requirements in section 261.9
- 2 261.1, subsection \(\frac{1}{2}\) 6, paragraphs \(\cdot\)d" through \(\cdot\)g". An eligible
- 3 school shall report promptly to the commission department any
- 4 information requested.
- 5 Sec. 28. Section 261.18, subsection 4, paragraph b, Code
- 6 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- 7 b. The amount of a barber and cosmetology arts and sciences
- 8 tuition grant to a qualified part-time student enrolled in a
- 9 course of study including at least three semester hours but
- 10 fewer than twelve semester hours or the trimester or quarter
- 11 equivalent shall be equal to the amount of a barber and
- 12 cosmetology arts and sciences tuition grant that would be paid
- 13 to a full-time student, except that the commission department
- 14 shall prorate the amount in a manner consistent with the
- 15 federal Pell grant program proration.
- Sec. 29. Section 261.18, subsections 7 and 8, Code 2011, are
- 17 amended by striking the subsections.
- 18 Sec. 30. Section 261.19, subsections 1, 2, and 3, Code
- 19 Supplement 2011, are amended to read as follows:
- 20 1. A health care professional recruitment program is
- 21 established to be administered by the college student aid
- 22 commission department for Des Moines university. The program
- 23 shall consist of a loan repayment program for health care
- 24 professionals. The commission department shall regularly
- 25 adjust the service requirement under each aspect of the program
- 26 to provide, to the extent possible, an equal financial benefit
- 27 for each period of service required.
- 28 2. A health care professional shall be eligible for the
- 29 loan repayment program if the health care professional agrees
- 30 to practice in an eligible rural community in this state.
- 31 Des Moines university shall recruit and place health care
- 32 professionals in rural communities which have agreed to provide
- 33 additional funds for the recipient's loan repayment. The
- 34 contract for the loan repayment shall stipulate the time period
- 35 the recipient shall practice in an eligible rural community in

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- 1 this state. In addition, the contract shall stipulate that the
- 2 recipient repay any funds paid on the recipient's loan by the
- 3 commission department if the recipient fails to practice in an
- 4 eligible rural community in this state for the required period
- 5 of time.
- 6 3. A health care professional recruitment revolving fund
- 7 is created in the state treasury as a separate fund under
- 8 the control of the commission department. The commission
- 9 department shall deposit payments made by health care
- 10 professional recruitment program recipients and the proceeds
- 11 from the sale of osteopathic loans awarded pursuant to
- 12 section 261.19, subsection 2, paragraph "b", Code 2011, moneys
- 13 appropriated to or received by the department into the health
- 14 care professional recruitment revolving fund. Moneys credited
- 15 to the fund shall be used to supplement moneys appropriated
- 16 for the health care professional recruitment program, for loan
- 17 repayment in accordance with this section, and to pay for
- 18 loan or interest repayment defaults by program recipients.
- 19 Notwithstanding section 8.33, any balance in the fund on June
- 20 30 of any fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund of
- 21 the state.
- 22 Sec. 31. Section 261.19, subsection 5, Code Supplement
- 23 2011, is amended by striking the subsection.
- 24 Sec. 32. Section 261.23, subsections 1, 2, 4, and 5, Code
- 25 2011, are amended to read as follows:
- 26 1. A registered nurse and nurse educator loan forgiveness
- 27 program is established to be administered by the commission
- 28 department. The program shall consist of loan forgiveness
- 29 for eligible federally guaranteed loans for registered nurses
- 30 and nurse educators who practice or teach in this state.
- 31 For purposes of this section, unless the context otherwise
- 32 requires, "nurse educator" means a registered nurse who holds
- 33 a master's degree or doctorate degree and is employed as a
- 34 faculty member who teaches nursing as provided in 655 IAC
- 35 $\frac{2.6(152)}{100}$ in a nursing education program approved by the board

1 of nursing at a community college, an accredited private

- 2 institution, or an institution of higher education governed by
- 3 the state board of regents.
- 2. Each applicant for loan forgiveness shall, in accordance
- 5 with the rules of the commission state board, do all of the
- 6 following:
- 7 a. Complete and file an application for registered nurse
- 8 or nurse educator loan forgiveness. The individual shall
- 9 be responsible for the prompt submission of any information
- 10 required by the commission department.
- b. File a new application and submit information as required
- 12 by the commission department annually on the basis of which the
- 13 applicant's eligibility for the renewed loan forgiveness will
- 14 be evaluated and determined.
- 15 c. Complete and return, on a form approved by the commission
- 16 department, an affidavit of practice verifying that the
- 17 applicant is a registered nurse practicing in this state or a
- 18 nurse educator teaching at a community college, an accredited
- 19 private eligible institution, or an institution of higher
- 20 learning governed by the state board of regents.
- 21 4. A registered nurse and nurse educator loan forgiveness
- 22 repayment fund is created for deposit of moneys appropriated
- 23 to or received by the commission department for use under the
- 24 program. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys deposited in the
- 25 fund shall not revert to any fund of the state at the end of any
- 26 fiscal year but shall remain in the loan forgiveness repayment
- 27 fund and be continuously available for loan forgiveness under
- 28 the program. Notwithstanding section 12C.7, subsection 2,
- 29 interest or earnings on moneys deposited in the fund shall be
- 30 credited to the fund.
- 31 5. The commission department shall submit in a report to
- 32 the general assembly by January 1, annually, the number of
- 33 individuals who received loan forgiveness pursuant to this
- 34 section, where the participants practiced or taught, the
- 35 amount paid to each program participant, and other information

- 1 identified by the commission department as indicators of
- 2 outcomes from the program.
- 3 Sec. 33. Section 261.23, subsection 6, Code 2011, is amended
- 4 by striking the subsection.
- 5 Sec. 34. Section 261.71, subsection 1, unnumbered paragraph
- 6 1, Code 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- 7 A chiropractic graduate student forgivable loan program
- 8 is established, to be administered by the college student
- 9 aid commission department for resident graduate students who
- 10 are enrolled at Iowa chiropractic colleges and universities.
- 11 A resident graduate student attending an Iowa chiropractic
- 12 college or university is eligible for loan forgiveness
- 13 under the program if the student meets all of the following
- 14 conditions:
- 15 Sec. 35. Section 261.71, subsection 1, paragraphs c and d,
- 16 Code 2011, are amended to read as follows:
- 17 c. The student agrees to practice in an underserved area in
- 18 the state of Iowa for a period of time to be determined by the
- 19 commission department at the time the loan is awarded.
- 20 d. The student has received a loan from moneys appropriated
- 21 to the college student aid commission department for this
- 22 program.
- 23 Sec. 36. Section 261.71, subsections 2 and 3, Code 2011, are
- 24 amended to read as follows:
- 25 2. The contract for the loan repayment shall stipulate
- 26 the time period the chiropractor shall practice in an
- 27 underserved area in this state. In addition, the contract
- 28 shall stipulate that the chiropractor repay any funds paid
- 29 on the chiropractor's loan by the commission department if
- 30 the chiropractor fails to practice in an underserved area in
- 31 this state for the required period of time. Forgivable loans
- 32 made to eligible students shall not become due, for repayment
- 33 purposes, until one year after the student has graduated. A
- 34 loan that has not been forgiven may be sold to a bank, savings
- 35 and loan association, credit union, or nonprofit agency

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- 1 eligible to participate in the guaranteed student loan program
- 2 under the federal Higher Education Act of 1965, 20 U.S.C.
- 3 § 1071 et seq., by the commission department when the loan
- 4 becomes due for repayment.
- 5 3. For purposes of this section "graduate student" means
- 6 a student who has completed at least ninety semester hours,
- 7 or the trimester or quarter equivalent, of postsecondary
- 8 course work at a public higher education institution or at an
- 9 accredited private institution, as defined under section 261.9.
- 10 "Underserved area" means a geographical area included on the
- 11 Iowa governor's health practitioner shortage area list, which
- 12 is compiled by the center for rural health and primary care of
- 13 the Iowa department of public health. The commission shall
- 14 adopt rules, consistent with rules used for students enrolled
- 15 in higher education institutions under the control of the state
- 16 board of regents, for purposes of determining Iowa residency
- 17 status of graduate students under this section. The commission
- 18 shall also adopt rules which provide standards, quidelines, and
- 19 procedures for the receipt, processing, and administration of
- 20 student applications and loans under this section.
- 21 Sec. 37. Section 261.72, Code Supplement 2011, is amended
- 22 to read as follows:
- 23 261.72 Chiropractic loan revolving fund.
- 24 A chiropractic loan revolving fund is created in the
- 25 state treasury as a separate fund under the control of the
- 26 commission department. The commission department shall
- 27 deposit payments made by chiropractic loan recipients and
- 28 the proceeds from the sale of chiropractic loans, less costs
- 29 of collection of delinquent chiropractic loans, into the
- 30 chiropractic loan revolving fund. Moneys credited to the
- 31 fund shall be used to supplement moneys appropriated for the
- 32 chiropractic graduate student forgivable loan program, for loan
- 33 forgiveness to eligible chiropractic physicians, and to pay for
- 34 loan or interest repayment defaults by eligible chiropractic
- 35 physicians. Notwithstanding section 8.33, any balance in the

- 1 fund on June 30 of any fiscal year shall not revert to the
- 2 general fund of the state.
- 3 Sec. 38. Section 261.73, subsections 1, 2, and 4, Code 2011,
- 4 are amended to read as follows:
- A chiropractic loan forgiveness program is established
- 6 to be administered by the commission department. A
- 7 chiropractor is eligible for the program if the chiropractor is
- 8 a resident of this state, is licensed to practice under chapter
- 9 151, and is engaged in the practice of chiropractic in this
- 10 state.
- 11 2. Each applicant for loan forgiveness shall, in accordance
- 12 with the rules of the commission state board, do all of the
- 13 following:
- 14 a. Complete and file an application for chiropractic loan
- 15 forgiveness. The individual shall be responsible for the
- 16 prompt submission of any information required by the commission
- 17 department.
- 18 b. File a new application and submit information as required
- 19 by the commission department annually on the basis of which the
- 20 applicant's eligibility for the renewed loan forgiveness will
- 21 be evaluated and determined.
- 22 c. Complete and return on a form approved by the commission
- 23 department an affidavit of practice verifying that the
- 24 applicant meets the eligibility requirements of subsection 1.
- 25 4. A chiropractic loan forgiveness repayment fund is
- 26 created for deposit of moneys appropriated to or received
- 27 by the commission department for use under the program.
- 28 Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys deposited in the fund
- 29 shall not revert to any fund of the state at the end of
- 30 any fiscal year but shall remain in the chiropractic loan
- 31 forgiveness repayment fund and be continuously available for
- 32 loan forgiveness under the program. Notwithstanding section
- 33 12C.7, subsection 2, interest or earnings on moneys deposited
- 34 in the fund shall be credited to the fund.
- 35 Sec. 39. Section 261.73, subsection 5, Code 2011, is amended

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- 1 by striking the subsection.
- 2 Sec. 40. Section 261.81, Code 2011, is amended to read as
- 3 follows:
- 4 261.81 Work-study program.
- 5 The Iowa college work-study program is established to
- 6 stimulate and promote the part-time employment of students
- 7 attending Iowa postsecondary educational institutions an
- 8 eligible institution, and the part-time or full-time summer
- 9 employment of students registered for classes at Iowa
- 10 postsecondary institutions an eligible institution during the
- 11 succeeding school year, who are in need of employment earnings
- 12 in order to pursue postsecondary education. The program shall
- 13 be administered by the commission department. The commission
- 14 shall adopt rules under chapter 17A to carry out the program.
- 15 The employment under the program shall be employment by the
- 16 postsecondary education institution itself or work in a public
- 17 agency or private nonprofit organization under a contract
- 18 between the institution or the commission department and the
- 19 agency or organization. The work shall not result in the
- 20 displacement of employed workers or impair or affect existing
- 21 contracts for services. Moneys used by an institution for the
- 22 work-study program shall supplement and not supplant jobs and
- 23 existing financial aid programs provided for students through
- 24 the institution.
- Sec. 41. Section 261.82, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2011,
- 26 is amended to read as follows:
- 27 The college student aid commission department shall do all
- 28 of the following:
- 29 Sec. 42. Section 261.82, subsection 2, Code 2011, is amended
- 30 to read as follows:
- 31 2. Allocate funds to participating postsecondary education
- 32 institutions if funds are available to the commission
- 33 department for that purpose.
- 34 Sec. 43. Section 261.82, subsections 3 and 5, Code 2011, are
- 35 amended by striking the subsections.

- 1 Sec. 44. Section 261.83, subsection 1, Code 2011, is amended
- 2 to read as follows:
- An eligible postsecondary education institution is
- 4 an institution of higher education under the state board
- 5 of regents, a community college, or an accredited private
- 6 institution as defined in section 261.9, subsection 1. The
- 7 commission department may enter into an agreement with an
- 8 eligible postsecondary education institution under which the
- 9 commission department will make grants to the institution for
- 10 the work-study program.
- 11 Sec. 45. Section 261.83, subsection 2, paragraphs a and c,
- 12 Code 2011, are amended to read as follows:
- a. File the proper forms with the commission department for
- 14 participation in the program.
- 15 c. Supervise and evaluate employment and maintain the
- 16 records required by the commission department.
- 17 Sec. 46. Section 261.85, Code Supplement 2011, is amended
- 18 to read as follows:
- 19 **261.85** Appropriation.
- 20 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
- 21 to the commission department for each fiscal year the sum
- 22 of two million seven hundred fifty thousand dollars for the
- 23 work-study program.
- 24 2. From moneys appropriated in this section, one
- 25 million five hundred thousand dollars shall be allocated to
- 26 institutions of higher education under the state board of
- 27 regents and community colleges and the remaining dollars
- 28 appropriated in this section shall be allocated by the
- 29 commission department on the basis of need as determined by the
- 30 portion of the federal formula for distribution of work-study
- 31 funds that relates to the current need of institutions
- 32 department.
- 33 Sec. 47. Section 261.86, subsection 1, unnumbered paragraph
- 34 1, Code Supplement 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- 35 A national guard educational assistance program is

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- 1 established to be administered by the college student aid
- 2 commission department for members of the Iowa national guard
- 3 who are enrolled as undergraduate students in a community
- 4 college, an institution of higher learning under the state
- 5 board of regents, or an accredited private institution eligible
- 6 institutions. The college student aid commission shall adopt
- 7 rules pursuant to chapter 17A to administer this section. An
- 8 individual is eligible for the national guard educational
- 9 assistance program if the individual meets all of the following
- 10 conditions:
- 11 Sec. 48. Section 261.86, subsection 1, paragraph d, Code
- 12 Supplement 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- 13 d. Is enrolled as an undergraduate student in a community
- 14 college as defined in section 260C.2, an institution of higher
- 15 learning under the control of the board of regents, or an
- 16 accredited private institution as defined in section 261.9, and
- 17 is maintaining satisfactory academic progress.
- 18 Sec. 49. Section 261.86, subsections 2 and 4, Code
- 19 Supplement 2011, are amended to read as follows:
- 20 2. Educational assistance paid pursuant to this section
- 21 shall not exceed the resident tuition and fee rate established
- 22 for institutions of higher learning under the control of the
- 23 state board of regents. If the amount appropriated in a fiscal
- 24 year for purposes of this section is insufficient to provide
- 25 educational assistance to all national guard members who apply
- 26 for the program and who are determined by the adjutant general
- 27 to be eligible for the program, the adjutant general shall,
- 28 in coordination with the commission department, determine the
- 29 distribution of educational assistance. However, educational
- 30 assistance paid pursuant to this section shall not be less than
- 31 fifty percent of the resident tuition and fee rate established
- 32 for institutions of higher learning under the control of the
- 33 state board of regents or fifty percent of the tuition and fee
- 34 rate at the institution attended by the national guard member,
- 35 whichever is lower. Neither eligibility nor educational

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1 assistance determinations shall be based upon a national guard
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- 2 member's unit, the location at which drills are attended, or
- 3 whether the eligible individual is a member of the Iowa army
- 4 or air national quard.
- 5 4. The eligibility of applicants and amounts of educational
- 6 assistance to be paid shall be certified by the adjutant
- 7 general of Iowa to the college student aid commission
- 8 department, and all amounts that are or become due to a
- 9 community college, accredited private institution, or
- 10 institution of higher learning under the control of the state
- ll board of regents under this section shall be paid to the
- 12 college or institution by the college student aid commission
- 13 department upon receipt of certification by the president or
- 14 governing board of the educational eligible institution as
- 15 to accuracy of charges made, and as to the attendance and
- 16 academic progress of the individual at the educational eligible
- 17 institution. The college student aid commission department
- 18 shall maintain an annual record of the number of participants
- 19 and the dollar value of the educational assistance provided.
- 20 Sec. 50. Section 261.87, subsections 1, 4, and 5, Code
- 21 Supplement 2011, are amended to read as follows:
- 22 l. Definitions. As used in this division, unless the
- 23 context otherwise requires:,
- 24 a. "Commission" means the college student aid commission.
- 25 b. "Eligible "eligible institution" means a community
- 26 college established under chapter 260C or an institution of
- 27 higher learning governed by the state board of regents.
- 28 c. "Financial need" means the difference between the
- 29 student's financial resources available, including those
- 30 available from the student's parents as determined by a
- 31 completed parents' confidential statement, and the student's
- 32 anticipated expenses while attending an eligible institution.
- 33 d. "Full-time resident student" means an individual resident
- 34 of Iowa who is enrolled at an eligible institution in a program
- 35 of study including at least twelve semester hours or the

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- 1 trimester or quarter equivalent.
- 2 e. "Part-time resident student" means an individual resident
- 3 of Iowa who is enrolled at an eligible institution in a
- 4 program of study including at least three semester hours or the
- 5 trimester or quarter equivalent.
- 6 f. "Qualified student" means a resident student who has
- 7 established financial need and who is meeting all program
- 8 requirements.
- 9 4. Discontinuance of attendance remittance. If a student
- 10 receiving a scholarship pursuant to this section discontinues
- 11 attendance before the end of any academic term, the entire
- 12 amount of any refund due to the student, up to the amount of any
- 13 payments made by the state, shall be remitted by the eligible
- 14 institution to the commission department. The commission
- 15 department shall deposit refunds paid to the commission
- 16 department in accordance with this subsection into the fund
- 17 established pursuant to subsection 5.
- 18 5. Fund established. An all Iowa opportunity scholarship
- 19 fund is created in the state treasury as a separate fund under
- 20 the control of the commission department. All moneys deposited
- 21 or paid into the fund are appropriated and made available
- 22 to the commission department to be used for scholarships
- 23 for students meeting the requirements of this section.
- 24 Notwithstanding section 8.33, any balance in the fund on June
- 25 30 of each fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund of
- 26 the state, but shall be available for purposes of this section
- 27 in subsequent fiscal years.
- Sec. 51. Section 261.87, subsection 2, unnumbered paragraph
- 29 1, Code Supplement 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- 30 An all Iowa opportunity scholarship program is established
- 31 to be administered by the commission department. The awarding
- 32 of scholarships under the program is subject to appropriations
- 33 made by the general assembly. A person who meets all of the
- 34 following requirements is eligible for the program:
- 35 Sec. 52. Section 261.87, subsection 2, paragraph g, Code

- 1 Supplement 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- 2 g. Begins enrollment at an eligible institution within two
- 3 academic years of graduation from high school and continuously
- 4 receives awards as a full-time or part-time student to maintain
- 5 eligibility. However, the student may defer participation in
- 6 the program for up to two years in order to pursue obligations
- 7 that meet conditions established by the commission state board
- 8 by rule or to fulfill military obligations.
- 9 Sec. 53. Section 261.87, subsection 3, paragraph c, Code
- 10 Supplement 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- 11 c. Scholarships awarded pursuant to this section shall
- 12 not exceed the student's financial need, as determined by the
- 13 commission department, the average resident tuition rate and
- 14 mandatory fees established for institutions of higher learning
- 15 governed by the state board of regents, or the resident tuition
- 16 and mandatory fees charged for the program of enrollment by
- 17 the eligible institution at which the student is enrolled,
- 18 whichever is least.
- 19 Sec. 54. NEW SECTION. 261.88 All Iowa opportunity foster
- 20 care grant program.
- 21 1. The department shall develop and implement, in
- 22 cooperation with the department of human services and the
- 23 judicial branch, the all Iowa opportunity foster care grant
- 24 program in accordance with this section.
- 25 2. The program shall provide financial assistance for
- 26 postsecondary education or training to a person who has a high
- 27 school diploma or a high school equivalency diploma under
- 28 chapter 259A and is described by any of the following:
- 29 a. Is age seventeen and is in a court-ordered placement
- 30 under chapter 232 under the care and custody of the department
- 31 of human services or juvenile court services.
- 32 b. Is age seventeen and has been placed in the state
- 33 training school or the Iowa juvenile home pursuant to a court
- 34 order entered under chapter 232 under the care and custody of
- 35 the department of human services.

1 c. Is age eighteen through twenty-three and is described by 2 any of the following:

- 3 (1) On the date the person reached age eighteen or during 4 the thirty calendar days preceding or succeeding that date,
- 5 the person was in a licensed foster care placement pursuant
- 6 to a court order entered under chapter 232 under the care and
- 7 custody of the department of human services or juvenile court 8 services.
- 9 (2) On the date the person reached age eighteen or during
- 10 the thirty calendar days preceding or succeeding that date, the
- 11 person was under a court order under chapter 232 to live with a
- 12 relative or other suitable person.
- 13 (3) The person was in a licensed foster care placement
- 14 pursuant to an order entered under chapter 232 prior to being
- 15 legally adopted after reaching age sixteen.
- 16 (4) On the date the person reached age eighteen or during
- 17 the thirty calendar days preceding or succeeding that date,
- 18 the person was placed in the state training school or the Iowa
- 19 juvenile home pursuant to a court order entered under chapter
- 20 232 under the care and custody of the department of human
- 21 services.
- 22 3. The program requirements shall include but are not
- 23 limited to all of the following:
- 24 a. Program assistance shall cover a program participant's
- 25 expenses associated with attending an approved postsecondary
- 26 education or training program in this state. The expenses
- 27 shall include tuition and fees, books and supplies, child
- 28 care, transportation, housing, and other expenses approved by
- 29 the department. If a participant is attending on less than a
- 30 full-time basis, assistance provisions shall be designed to
- 31 cover tuition and fees and books and supplies, and assistance
- 32 for other expenses shall be prorated to reflect the hours
- 33 enrolled.
- 34 b. If the approved education or training program is more
- 35 than one year in length, the program assistance may be renewed.

- 1 To renew the assistance, the participant must annually reapply
- 2 for the program and meet the academic progress standards of
- 3 the eligible institution or make satisfactory progress toward
- 4 completion of the training program.
- 5 c. A person shall be less than age twenty-three upon both
- 6 the date of the person's initial application for the program
- 7 and the start date of the education or training program for
- 8 which the assistance is provided. Eligibility for program
- 9 assistance shall end upon the participant reaching age
- 10 twenty-four.
- 11 d. Assistance under the program shall not be provided for
- 12 expenses that are paid for by other programs for which funding
- 13 is available to assist the participant.
- 14 e. The department shall implement assistance provisions in
- 15 a manner to ensure that the total amount of assistance provided
- 16 under the program remains within the funding available for the
- 17 program.
- 18 Sec. 55. Section 261.93, Code 2011, is amended to read as
- 19 follows:
- 20 261.93 Program established who qualified.
- 21 1. An Iowa grant program is established to be administered
- 22 by the department.
- 23 2. A grant may be awarded to a resident of Iowa who is
- 24 admitted and in attendance as a full-time or part-time resident
- 25 student at an accredited higher education a community college
- 26 or an institution of higher education governed by the state
- 27 board of regents, and who establishes financial need. Grants
- 28 awarded shall be distributed to the appropriate accredited
- 29 higher education community college or institution of higher
- 30 education for payment of educational expenses, including
- 31 tuition, room, board, and mandatory fees, with any balance to
- 32 be distributed to the student for whom the grant is awarded.
- 33 Sec. 56. Section 261.93A, Code 2011, is amended to read as
- 34 follows:
- 35 261.93A Appropriation percentages.

- 1 Of the funds appropriated to the college student aid
- 2 commission department to be allocated for the Iowa grant
- 3 program for each fiscal year, thirty-seven and six-tenths
- 4 percent shall be reserved for students attending regents
- 5 institutions, twenty-five and nine-tenths percent shall
- 6 be reserved for students attending community colleges, and
- 7 thirty-six and five-tenths percent shall be reserved for
- 8 students attending private colleges and universities. Funds
- 9 appropriated for the Iowa grant program shall be used to
- 10 supplement, not supplant, funds appropriated for other existing
- ll programs at the eligible institutions.
- 12 Sec. 57. Section 261.111, subsections 1, 3, 4, 6 through 9,
- 13 Code 2011, are amended to read as follows:
- 14 l. A teacher shortage forgivable loan program is
- 15 established to be administered by the college student aid
- 16 commission department. An individual is eligible for the
- 17 forgivable loan program if the individual is a resident of
- 18 this state who is enrolled as a sophomore, junior, senior,
- 19 or graduate student in an approved practitioner preparation
- 20 program in a designated area in which teacher shortages are
- 21 anticipated at an institution of higher learning under the
- 22 control of the state board of regents or an accredited private
- 23 institution as defined in section 261.9.
- 24 3. Each applicant shall, in accordance with the rules of the
- 25 commission department, do all of the following:
- 26 a. Complete and file an application for a teacher shortage
- 27 forgivable loan. The individual shall be responsible for the
- 28 prompt submission of any information required by the commission
- 29 department.
- 30 b. File a new application and submit information as required
- 31 by the commission department annually on the basis of which the
- 32 applicant's eligibility for the renewed forgivable loan will be
- 33 evaluated and determined.
- 34 4. Forgivable loans to eligible students shall not become
- 35 due until after the student graduates or leaves school. The

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- 1 individual's total loan amount, including principal and
- 2 interest, shall be reduced by twenty percent for each year in
- 3 which the individual remains an Iowa resident and is employed
- 4 in Iowa by a school district or an accredited nonpublic school
- 5 as a practitioner in the teacher shortage area for which the
- 6 loan was approved. If the commission department determines
- 7 that the person does not meet the criteria for forgiveness of
- 8 the principal and interest payments, the commission department
- 9 shall establish a plan for repayment of the principal and
- 10 interest over a ten-year period. If a person required to
- 11 make the repayment does not make the required payments, the
- 12 commission department shall provide for payment collection.
- 13 6. The commission shall prescribe by rule the interest rate
- 14 for the forgivable loan.
- 15 7. 6. A teacher shortage forgivable loan repayment
- 16 fund is created for deposit of payments made by forgivable
- 17 loan recipients who do not fulfill the conditions of the
- 18 forgivable loan program and any other moneys appropriated to
- 19 or received by the commission department for deposit in the
- 20 fund. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys deposited in the
- 21 fund shall not revert to the general fund of the state at the
- 22 end of any fiscal year but shall remain in the forgivable loan
- 23 repayment fund and be continuously available to make additional
- 24 loans under the program. Notwithstanding section 12C.7,
- 25 subsection 2, interest or earnings on moneys deposited in the
- 26 fund shall be credited to the fund.
- 27 8. 7. For purposes of this section, unless the context
- 28 otherwise requires, "teacher" means the same as defined in
- 29 section 272.1.
- 30 9. 8. The commission department shall submit in a report
- 31 to the general assembly by January 1, annually, the number
- 32 of students who received forgivable loans pursuant to this
- 33 section, which institutions the students were enrolled in, and
- 34 the amount paid to each of the institutions on behalf of the
- 35 students who received forgivable loans pursuant to this section

1 and the total amount of loans outstanding, including a schedule

- 2 of years remaining on the outstanding loans.
- 3 Sec. 58. Section 261.112, subsections 1, 3, 5, and 6, Code
- 4 Supplement 2011, are amended to read as follows:
- A teacher shortage loan forgiveness program is
- 6 established to be administered by the commission department.
- 7 A teacher is eligible for the program if the teacher is
- 8 practicing in a teacher shortage area as designated by the
- 9 department of education pursuant to subsection 2. For purposes
- 10 of this section, "teacher" means an individual holding a
- 11 practitioner's license issued under chapter 272, who is
- 12 employed in a nonadministrative position in a designated
- 13 shortage area by a school district or area education agency
- 14 pursuant to a contract issued by a board of directors under
- 15 section 279.13.
- 16 3. Each applicant for loan forgiveness shall, in accordance
- 17 with the rules of the commission state board, do all of the
- 18 following:
- 19 a. Complete and file an application for teacher shortage
- 20 loan forgiveness. The individual shall be responsible for the
- 21 prompt submission of any information required by the commission
- 22 department.
- 23 b. File a new application and submit information as required
- 24 by the commission department annually on the basis of which the
- 25 applicant's eligibility for the renewed loan forgiveness will
- 26 be evaluated and determined.
- 27 c. Complete and return on a form approved by the commission
- 28 department an affidavit of practice verifying that the
- 29 applicant is a teacher in an eligible teacher shortage area.
- 30 5. A teacher shortage loan forgiveness repayment fund
- 31 is created for deposit of moneys appropriated to or received
- 32 by the commission department for use under the program.
- 33 Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys deposited in the fund
- 34 shall not revert to any fund of the state at the end of any
- 35 fiscal year but shall remain in the loan forgiveness repayment

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- 1 fund and be continuously available for loan forgiveness under
- 2 the program. Notwithstanding section 12C.7, subsection 2,
- 3 interest or earnings on moneys deposited in the fund shall be
- 4 credited to the fund.
- 5 6. The commission department shall submit in a report to
- 6 the general assembly by January 1, annually, the number of
- 7 individuals who received loan forgiveness pursuant to this
- 8 section, which shortage areas the teachers taught in, the
- 9 amount paid to each program participant, and other information
- 10 identified by the commission department as indicators of
- 11 outcomes from the program.
- 12 Sec. 59. Section 261.112, subsection 7, Code Supplement
- 13 2011, is amended by striking the subsection.
- 14 Sec. 60. Section 261.128, subsections 1 and 2, Code 2011,
- 15 are amended to read as follows:
- 16 l. The commission department shall establish a health
- 17 care professional incentive payment program to recruit and
- 18 retain health care professionals in this state. Funding for
- 19 the program may be provided through the health care workforce
- 20 shortage fund or the health care professional and Iowa needs
- 21 nurses now initiative account created in section 135.175.
- 22 2. The commission department shall administer the incentive
- 23 payment program with the assistance of Des Moines university
- 24 osteopathic medical center.
- 25 Sec. 61. Section 261.128, subsection 3, unnumbered
- 26 paragraph 1, Code 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- 27 The commission state board, with the assistance of Des
- 28 Moines university osteopathic medical center, shall adopt
- 29 rules pursuant to chapter 17A relating to the establishment
- 30 and administration of the health care professional incentive
- 31 payment program. The rules adopted shall address all of the
- 32 following:
- 33 Sec. 62. Section 261.128, subsection 3, paragraph b, Code
- 34 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- 35 b. The process for awarding incentive payments.

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- 1 The commission department of education shall receive
- 2 recommendations from the department of public health regarding
- 3 selection of incentive payment recipients. The process
- 4 shall require each recipient to enter into an agreement with
- 5 the commission department of education that specifies the
- 6 obligations of the recipient and the commission department
- 7 prior to receiving the incentive payment.
- 8 Sec. 63. Section 261.129, subsection 1, paragraphs a, c, and
- 9 d, Code 2011, are amended to read as follows:
- 10 a. The commission department shall establish a nurse
- 11 educator incentive payment program. Funding for the program
- 12 may be provided through the health care workforce shortage
- 13 fund or the health care professional and Iowa needs nurses
- 14 now initiative account created in section 135.175. For the
- 15 purposes of this subsection, "nurse educator" means a registered
- 16 nurse who holds a master's degree or doctorate degree and is
- 17 employed as a faculty member who teaches nursing in a nursing
- 18 education program as provided in 655 IAC 2.6 approved by the
- 19 board of nursing at a community college, an accredited private
- 20 institution, or an institution of higher education governed by
- 21 the state board of regents.
- 22 c. The nurse educator and the commission department shall
- 23 enter into an agreement specifying the obligations of the nurse
- 24 educator and the commission department. If the nurse educator
- 25 leaves the qualifying teaching position prior to teaching for
- 26 four consecutive academic years, the nurse educator shall be
- 27 liable to repay the incentive payment amount to the state, plus
- 28 interest as specified by rule. However, if the nurse educator
- 29 leaves the qualifying teaching position involuntarily, the
- 30 nurse educator shall be liable to repay only a pro rata amount
- 31 of the incentive payment based on incompleted years of service.
- 32 d. The commission state board, in consultation with
- 33 the department of public health, the board of nursing, the
- 34 department of education, and the Iowa nurses association,
- 35 shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A relating to the

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- 1 establishment and administration of the nurse educator
- 2 incentive payment program. The rules shall include provisions
- 3 specifying what constitutes a qualifying teaching position.
- 4 Sec. 64. Section 261.129, subsection 2, paragraphs a, b, and
- 5 c, Code 2011, are amended to read as follows:
- 6 a. The commission department shall establish a nursing
- 7 faculty fellowship program to provide funds to nursing schools
- 8 in the state, including but not limited to nursing schools
- 9 located at community colleges, for fellowships for individuals
- 10 employed in qualifying positions on the nursing faculty.
- 11 Funding for the program may be provided through the health care
- 12 workforce shortage fund or the health care professional and the
- 13 Iowa needs nurses now initiative account created in section
- 14 135.175. The program shall be designed to assist nursing
- 15 schools in filling vacancies in qualifying positions throughout
- 16 the state.
- 17 b. The commission department, in consultation with the
- 18 department of public health, the board of nursing, the
- 19 department of education, and the Iowa nurses association, and
- 20 in cooperation with nursing schools throughout the state, shall
- 21 develop a distribution formula which shall provide that no more
- 22 than thirty percent of the available moneys are awarded to a
- 23 single nursing school. Additionally, the program shall limit
- 24 funding for a qualifying position in a nursing school to no
- 25 more than ten thousand dollars per year for up to three years.
- 26 c. The commission state board, in consultation with
- 27 the department of public health, the board of nursing, the
- 28 department of education, and the Iowa nurses association, shall
- 29 adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A to administer the program.
- 30 The rules shall include provisions specifying what constitutes
- 31 a qualifying position at a nursing school.
- 32 Sec. 65. Section 261.129, subsection 2, paragraph d,
- 33 unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2011, is amended to read as
- 34 follows:
- 35 In determining eligibility for a fellowship, the commission

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- 1 department shall consider all of the following:
- 2 Sec. 66. Section 261.129, subsection 3, paragraphs a and c,
- 3 Code 2011, are amended to read as follows:
- 4 a. The commission department shall establish a nurse
- 5 educator scholarship program. Funding for the program may
- 6 be provided through the health care workforce shortage fund
- 7 or the health care professional and the Iowa needs nurses
- 8 now initiative account created in section 135.175. The goal
- 9 of the nurse educator scholarship program is to address the
- 10 waiting list of qualified applicants to Iowa's nursing schools
- 11 by providing incentives for the training of additional nursing
- 12 educators. For the purposes of this subsection, "nurse
- 13 educator means a registered nurse who holds a master's degree
- 14 or doctorate degree and is employed as a faculty member who
- 15 teaches nursing in a nursing education program as provided in
- 16 655 IAC 2.6 approved by the board of nursing at a community
- 17 college, an accredited private institution, or an institution
- 18 of higher education governed by the state board of regents.
- 19 c. The commission state board, in consultation with
- 20 the department of public health, the board of nursing, the
- 21 department of education, and the Iowa nurses association,
- 22 shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A relating to the
- 23 establishment and administration of the nurse educator
- 24 scholarship program. The rules shall include provisions
- 25 specifying what constitutes a qualifying teaching position and
- 26 the amount of any scholarship.
- 27 Sec. 67. Section 261.129, subsection 4, paragraphs a, c, and
- 28 e, Code 2011, are amended to read as follows:
- 29 a. The commission department shall establish a nurse
- 30 educator scholarship-in-exchange-for-service program.
- 31 Funding for the program may be provided through the
- 32 health care workforce shortage fund or the health care
- 33 professional and Iowa needs nurses now initiative account
- 34 created in section 135.175. The goal of the nurse educator
- 35 scholarship-in-exchange-for-service program is to address

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- 1 the waiting list of qualified applicants to Iowa's nursing
- 2 schools by providing incentives for the education of additional
- 3 nursing educators. For the purposes of this subsection, "nurse
- 4 educator means a registered nurse who holds a master's degree
- 5 or doctorate degree and is employed as a faculty member who
- 6 teaches nursing in a nursing education program as provided in
- 7 655 IAC 2.6 approved by the board of nursing at a community
- 8 college, an accredited private institution, or an institution
- 9 of higher education governed by the state board of regents.
- 10 c. The scholarship-in-exchange-for-service recipient
- 11 and the commission department shall enter into an agreement
- 12 specifying the obligations of the applicant and the commission
- 13 department. If the nurse educator leaves the qualifying
- 14 teaching position prior to teaching for four consecutive
- 15 academic years, the nurse educator shall be liable to repay the
- 16 scholarship-in-exchange-for-service amount to the state plus
- 17 interest as specified by rule. However, if the nurse educator
- 18 leaves the qualified teaching position involuntarily, the nurse
- 19 educator shall be liable to repay only a pro rata amount of the
- 20 scholarship based on incomplete years of service.
- 21 e. The commission state board, in consultation with
- 22 the department of public health, the board of nursing, the
- 23 department of education, and the Iowa nurses association,
- 24 shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A relating to the
- 25 establishment and administration of the nurse educator
- 26 scholarship-in-exchange-for-service program. The rules
- 27 shall include the provisions specifying what constitutes
- 28 a qualifying teaching position and the amount of any
- 29 scholarship-in-exchange-for-service.
- 30 Sec. 68. Section 261A.5, Code 2011, is amended to read as
- 31 follows:
- 32 261A.5 Creation as public instrumentality.
- 33 The Iowa higher education loan authority is created as
- 34 a body politic and corporate. The authority is a public
- 35 instrumentality and the exercise by the authority of the

- 1 powers conferred by this chapter is the performance of an
- 2 essential public function. The authority is attached to the
- 3 college student aid commission department of education for
- 4 administrative purposes.
- 5 Sec. 69. Section 261D.3, subsection 2, paragraph e, Code
- 6 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- 7 e. One alternate member appointed by the lowa college
- 8 student aid commission director of the department of education.
- 9 Sec. 70. Section 261E.2, subsection 4, Code 2011, is amended
- 10 to read as follows:
- 11 4. "Eligible postsecondary institution" means an institution
- 12 of higher learning under the control of the state board of
- 13 regents, a community college established under chapter 260C, or
- 14 an accredited private institution as defined in section 261.9
- 15 261.1.
- 16 Sec. 71. Section 261F.2, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code
- 17 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- 18 a. Develop, in consultation with the college student
- 19 aid commission department of education, a code of conduct
- 20 governing educational loan activities with which the covered
- 21 institution's officers, employees, and agents shall comply.
- Sec. 72. Section 261F.2, subsections 2 and 3, Code 2011, are
- 23 amended to read as follows:
- 24 2. The college student aid commission department of
- 25 education shall provide to covered institutions assistance
- 26 and guidance relating to the development, administration, and
- 27 monitoring of a code of conduct governing educational loan
- 28 activities.
- 29 3. Except as provided in this section, the college student
- 30 aid commission department of education is not subject to the
- 31 duties, restrictions, prohibitions, and penalties of this
- 32 chapter.
- 33 Sec. 73. NEW SECTION. 262.83 Minority academic grants for
- 34 economic success.
- 35 1. The general assembly finds that the failure of many young

1 Iowans to complete their education limits their opportunity

- 2 for a life of fulfillment and hinders the state's efforts to
- 3 provide a well-trained workforce for business and industry
- 4 in Iowa. The general assembly also declares that it is the
- 5 policy of this state to apply positive measures to ensure
- 6 that equal opportunities exist for minority persons to
- 7 pursue their educational goals. Therefore, the Iowa minority
- 8 academic grants for economic success program is established
- 9 to be administered by the state board of regents to provide
- 10 additional funding to the state board of regents institutions,
- 11 community colleges, and accredited private institutions in
- 12 order to encourage resident minority students to remain in
- 13 Iowa, to attend community colleges, private colleges, and
- 14 universities in Iowa, and to assure that a limited family
- 15 income will not be a barrier for a minority person to pursue a
- 16 postsecondary education.
- 2. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise
- 18 requires:
- 19 a. "Accredited private institution" means an accredited
- 20 private institution as defined in section 261.1.
- 21 b. "Financial need" means the difference between the
- 22 student's financial resources, including resources available
- 23 from the student's parents and the student, as determined
- 24 by a completed parents' financial statement and including
- 25 any noncampus-administered federal or state grants and
- 26 scholarships, and the student's estimated expenses while
- 27 attending the institution. A student shall accept all
- 28 available federal and state grants and scholarships before
- 29 being considered eligible for grants under the Iowa minority
- 30 academic grants for economic success program. Financial need
- 31 shall be reconsidered on at least an annual basis.
- 32 c. "Full-time student" means an individual who is enrolled
- 33 at an accredited private institution, community college, or
- 34 board of regents university for at least twelve semester hours
- 35 or the trimester or quarter equivalent.

- 1 d. "Minority person" means an individual who is African
- 2 American, Hispanic, Asian, or a Pacific Islander, an American
- 3 Indian, or an Alaskan Native American.
- 4 e. "Part-time student" means an individual who is enrolled
- 5 at an accredited private institution, community college, or
- 6 board of regents university in a course of study including
- 7 at least three semester hours or the trimester or quarter
- 8 equivalent of three semester hours.
- 9 f. "Program" means the Iowa minority academic grants for
- 10 economic success program established in this section.
- 11 3. A grant under the program may be awarded to any
- 12 minority person who is a resident of Iowa, who is accepted
- 13 for admission or is attending a board of regents university,
- 14 community college, or an accredited private institution, and
- 15 who demonstrates financial need.
- 4. Full-time students may receive grants for not more than
- 17 eight semesters of undergraduate study or the trimester or
- 18 quarter equivalent of eight semesters of undergraduate study.
- 19 Part-time students may receive grants for not more than sixteen
- 20 semesters of undergraduate study or the trimester or quarter
- 21 equivalent of sixteen semesters of undergraduate study.
- 22 5. The amount of the grant shall not exceed a student's
- 23 yearly financial need or three thousand five hundred dollars,
- 24 whichever is less. If the student is attending or seeking to
- 25 enroll in an accredited private institution, fifty percent of
- 26 the amount of the grant shall be provided by the accredited
- 27 private institution and fifty percent shall be provided by the
- 28 state board of regents from state funds appropriated for that
- 29 purpose.
- 30 6. Grants shall be awarded on an annual basis and shall
- 31 be credited by the institution against the student's tuition,
- 32 fees, room, and board, at the beginning of each semester,
- 33 trimester, or quarter in equal installments upon certification
- 34 by the institution that the student is admitted and attending
- 35 the institution.

- 1 7. If a student receiving a grant under the program
- 2 discontinues attendance before the end of any academic period,
- 3 but after receiving payment of grant moneys for the academic
- 4 period, the entire amount of any refund due the student, up to
- 5 the amount of any payments made by the state, shall be remitted
- 6 by the private institution to the state board of regents.
- 7 8. In administering the program for the community colleges
- 8 and the private institutions, the state board of regents shall
- 9 do all of the following:
- 10 a. Provide application forms to students enrolled and
- 11 attending or seeking to enroll and attend community colleges or
- 12 accredited private institutions.
- 13 b. Develop and provide confidential financial statement
- 14 forms to the parents or guardians of students applying for
- 15 grants under the program.
- 16 c. Approve and award grants to community colleges and
- 17 accredited private institutions under the program.
- 18 d. Adopt rules for determining financial need and residency
- 19 for the purpose of awarding grants to qualified students,
- 20 and any other rules necessary for the administration of the
- 21 program.
- 22 e. Report annually to the governor and the general assembly
- 23 on the progress and implementation of the program.
- 24 f. Require postsecondary institutions that receive moneys
- 25 from students awarded grants under the program to furnish any
- 26 information necessary for the implementation or administration
- 27 of the program.
- 28 g. Solicit and receive private contributions and federal
- 29 grants available for purposes of the program.
- 30 h. Maintain records on the recipients of grants awarded
- 31 under this section.
- 32 i. Administer funds appropriated for the Iowa minority
- 33 academic grants for economic success program to carry out the
- 34 duties of the state board of regents.
- j. Provide for the proration of funds among qualified

- 1 applicants if funds available are insufficient to pay all
- 2 approved grants.
- 3 9. An applicant for a grant under the program shall do all
- 4 of the following:
- 5 a. Complete and file an application for a grant on forms
- 6 provided by the state board of regents.
- 7 b. Submit the financial information required for evaluation
- 8 of the applicant's financial need for a grant.
- 9 c. Comply with rules and information requests of the state
- 10 board of regents made in relation to the program.
- Sec. 74. Section 262.92, subsection 3, Code 2011, is amended
- 12 to read as follows:
- 13 3. The board of regents shall adopt rules to establish
- 14 program guidelines for the universities under the board's
- 15 control and for the administration and coordination of program
- 16 efforts. Rules adopted shall include methods of recording data
- 17 relating to voucher recipients and making the data available to
- 18 the college student aid commission department of education.
- 19 Sec. 75. Section 262.93, Code 2011, is amended to read as
- 20 follows:
- 21 262.93 Reports to general assembly.
- 22 The college student aid commission department of education
- 23 and the state board of regents each shall submit, by January
- 24 15 of each year, a report on the progress and implementation
- 25 of the programs which they administer under sections 261.102
- 26 through 261.105, 262.82, and 262.92. The reports shall
- 27 include, but are not limited to, the numbers of students
- 28 participating in the programs and allocation of funds
- 29 appropriated for the programs.
- 30 Sec. 76. Section 272C.4, subsection 10, Code 2011, is
- 31 amended to read as follows:
- 32 10. Establish procedures consistent with the provisions
- 33 of section 261.121, subsection 2, Code 2011, and sections
- 34 261.122 through 261.127, Code 2011, by which, in the board's
- 35 discretion, a license shall be suspended, denied, or revoked,

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- 1 or other disciplinary action imposed, with regard to a licensee
- 2 subject to the board's jurisdiction who has defaulted on a
- 3 repayment or service obligation under any federal or state
- 4 educational loan or service-conditional scholarship program.
- 5 Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary, each board
- 6 shall defer to the federal or state program's determination of
- 7 default upon certification by the program of such a default
- 8 on the part of a licensee, and shall remove the suspension,
- 9 grant the license, or stay the revocation or other disciplinary
- 10 action taken if the federal or state program certifies that
- 11 the defaulting licensee has agreed to fulfill the licensee's
- 12 obligation, or is complying with an approved repayment plan.
- 13 Licensure sanctions shall be reinstated upon certification that
- 14 a defaulting licensee has failed to comply with the repayment
- 15 or service requirements, as determined by the federal or state
- 16 program. The provisions of this subsection relating to board
- 17 authority to act in response to notification of default shall
- 18 apply not only to a licensing board, as defined in section
- 19 272C.1, but also to any other licensing board or authority
- 20 regulating a license authorized by the laws of this state.
- 21 Sec. 77. Section 303.17, subsection 3, paragraph b,
- 22 subparagraph (5), subparagraph division (e), Code 2011, is
- 23 amended to read as follows:
- 24 (e) A faculty member of an accredited private institution as
- 25 defined in section 261.9 261.1.
- Sec. 78. Section 522B.11, subsection 1, paragraph n, Code
- 27 Supplement 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- 28 n. Failing to comply with an administrative or court order
- 29 related to repayment of loans issued under chapter 261 to the
- 30 college student aid commission department of education.
- 31 DIVISION II
- 32 POSTSECONDARY REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS
- 33 Sec. 79. Section 261B.2, Code 2011, is amended to read as
- 34 follows:
- 35 261B.2 Definitions.

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- 1 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise 2 requires:
- 3 1. "Commission" means the college student aid commission
- 4 created pursuant to section 261.1. "Course of instruction"
- 5 means a postsecondary educational program that a school
- 6 offers through in-person instruction, distance delivery,
- 7 correspondence study methods, or any combination thereof.
- 8 2. "Degree" means a postsecondary credential conferring
- 9 on the recipient the title of associate, bachelor, master,
- 10 or doctor, or an equivalent title, signifying educational
- 11 attainment based on any one or a combination of study or
- 12 the equivalent which may be supplemented by experience or
- 13 achievement testing. A postsecondary degree under this chapter
- 14 shall not include an honorary degree or other unearned degree.
- 15 3. "Department" means the department of education.
- 16 4. "Presence" means maintaining an address within Iowa
- 17 a location in Iowa at which a student participates in any
- 18 structured activity related to a school's distance education
- 19 course of instruction, with the exception of proctored
- 20 examinations. "Presence" also means an address, location,
- 21 telephone number, or internet protocol address in Iowa from
- 22 which a school conducts any aspect of its operations. For the
- 23 purpose of a residential course of instruction offered on a
- 24 school's campus that is not located in Iowa, "presence" does not
- 25 include:
- 26 a. Occasional, short-term activities conducted at a location
- 27 in Iowa for the purpose of recruiting students for the school's
- 28 residential course of instruction.
- 29 b. A residency, practicum, internship, clinical, or
- 30 similar experience that the school permits the student to
- 31 participate in at a location in Iowa, provided that a person
- 32 who provides instruction or supervision at the Iowa location is
- 33 not compensated by the school.
- 34 4. 5. "School" means an agency of the state or political
- 35 subdivision of the state, individual, partnership, company,

- 1 firm, society, trust, association, corporation, or any
- 2 combination which meets any of the following criteria:
- 3 a. Is, owns, or operates a nonprofit postsecondary
- 4 educational institution.
- 5 b. Provides a postsecondary instructional program or course
- 6 of instruction leading to a degree.
- 7 c. Uses in its name the term "college", "academy",
- 8 "institute", or "university" or a similar term to imply that the
- 9 person is primarily engaged in the education of students at the
- 10 postsecondary level, and which makes a charge for its services.
- 11 5. 6. "State board" means the state board of education.
- 12 7. "Student" means a person who enrolls in or seeks to
- 13 enroll in a course of instruction offered or conducted by a
- 14 school.
- 15 Sec. 80. Section 261B.3, Code 2011, is amended to read as
- 16 follows:
- 17 261B.3 Registration.
- 18 1. Except as provided in section 261B.11, a school that
- 19 maintains or shall register with the department if a person
- 20 compensated by the school conducts one or more courses any
- 21 portion of a course of instruction, including courses of
- 22 instruction by correspondence or other distance delivery
- 23 method, offered in this state or which if the school otherwise
- 24 has a presence in this state and offers courses in other states
- 25 or foreign countries shall register with the commission.
- 26 a. Registrations shall be renewed every four two years
- 27 or and shall be amended upon any substantive change in
- 28 location, program offering, or accreditation. A school
- 29 makes a substantive change in a program offering when the
- 30 school proposes to offer or modify a program that requires
- 31 the approval of the state board or any other state agency
- 32 authorized to approve the school or its program in this state.
- 33 b. Registration shall be made on application forms
- 34 approved and supplied made available by the commission
- 35 department and at the time and in the manner prescribed by

- 1 the commission department. Upon receipt of a complete and
- 2 accurate registration application, the commission shall issue
- 3 an acknowledgment of document filed and send it to the school.
- 4 2. The commission department may request require a school
- 5 to provide additional information as the department deems
- 6 necessary to enable the commission to determine the accuracy
- 7 and completeness of the information contained in the evaluate a
- 8 school's suitability for registration application.
- 9 3. The department shall notify a school in writing of its
- 10 decision to grant or deny registration and any stipulation
- ll associated with the school's registration.
- 12 4. If a school fails to meet any of the registration
- 13 criteria, or if the commission department believes that false,
- 14 misleading, or incomplete information has been submitted in
- 15 connection with an application for registration, the commission
- 16 department may deny registration. The commission department
- 17 shall conduct a hearing on the denial if a hearing is requested
- 18 by a school. The commission may withhold an acknowledgment
- 19 of document filed pending the outcome of the hearing. Upon a
- 20 finding after the hearing that the school fails to meet any of
- 21 the registration criteria, or that information contained in the
- 22 registration application is false, misleading, or incomplete,
- 23 the commission department shall deny an acknowledgment of
- 24 document filed to the school registration. The commission
- 25 department shall make the final decision on each registration.
- 26 However, the decision of the commission department is subject
- 27 to judicial review in accordance with section 17A.19.
- 28 3. The commission shall adopt rules under chapter 17A for
- 29 the implementation of this chapter.
- 30 Sec. 81. Section 261B.3A, Code 2011, is amended to read as
- 31 follows:
- 32 261B.3A Requirements.
- 33 1. In order to register, a school shall be accredited
- 34 by an agency or organization approved or recognized by the
- 35 United States department of education or a successor agency,

- 1 be approved by any other state agency authorized to approve
- 2 the school in this state, and, subsequently, be approved for
- 3 operation by the commission department.
- 4 2. A practitioner preparation program, as defined in
- 5 section 272.1, operated by a school that applies to register
- 6 the program in accordance with this chapter shall, in order to
- 7 register, be accredited by an agency or organization approved
- 8 or recognized by the United States department of education or a
- 9 successor agency, be approved by the state board of education
- 10 pursuant to section 256.7, subsection 3, and, subsequently, be
- 11 approved for operation by the commission department.
- 12 3. The department may grant a provisional registration to
- 13 a school that is not accredited by an agency or organization
- 14 that is recognized by the United States department of education
- 15 or its successor agency. The department shall determine
- 16 the duration of the provisional registration. During the
- 17 provisional registration period, the school shall, at six-month
- 18 intervals, submit to the department documentation of its
- 19 progress toward achieving accreditation. The department may
- 20 renew the school's provisional registration at its discretion
- 21 if the documentation submitted indicates that the school is
- 22 making progress toward accreditation.
- 23 3. 4. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to exempt
- 24 a school from the requirements of chapter 490, or 491, or 714.
- Sec. 82. Section 261B.4, Code 2011, is amended to read as
- 26 follows:
- 27 261B.4 Registration information.
- 28 As a basis for registration, schools shall provide the
- 29 commission department with the following information:
- 30 1. The name or title of the school.
- 31 2. The As applicable, the principal location of the school
- 32 in this state, in other states, and in foreign countries, and
- 33 the location of the place or places in this state, in other
- 34 states, and in foreign countries where instruction is likely
- 35 to be given.

- 3. A schedule of the total tuition charges, fees, and other
- 2 costs payable to the school by a student during the course of
- 3 instruction.
- 4 4. The refund policy of the school for the return of
- 5 refundable portions of tuition, fees, or other charges.
- 6 The tuition refund policy for Iowa resident students of a
- 7 for-profit school with at least one program of more than
- 8 four months in length that leads to a recognized educational
- 9 credential, such as an academic or professional degree,
- 10 diploma, or license, must comply with section 714.23.
- 11 5. The degrees granted by the school.
- 12 6. 5. The names and addresses of the principal owners of
- 13 the school or the officers and members of the legal governing
- 14 body of the school.
- 15 7. 6. The name and address of the chief executive officer
- 16 of the school.
- 17 8. 7. A copy of or a description of the means by which the
- 18 school intends to comply with section 261B.9.
- 19 9. 8. The name of the accrediting agency recognized by the
- 20 United States department of education or a successor agency
- 21 which has accredited the school, and the status under which
- 22 accreditation is held, the name of any other accrediting or
- 23 licensing entity that has accredited or licensed the school or
- 24 its programs, a copy of the accrediting or licensure notice
- 25 issued by the entity, and a record of any sanctions the entity
- 26 has levied against the school.
- 27 10. 9. The name, address, and telephone number of a contact
- 28 person in this state. A school that applies for registration
- 29 to offer a course of instruction by distance delivery may
- 30 provide the name and address of its registered agent in Iowa.
- 31 11. 10. The names or titles and a description of the
- 32 courses and degrees to be offered in Iowa.
- 33 12. 11. A description of procedures for the preservation
- 34 of student records and the contact information to be used
- 35 by students and graduates who seek to obtain transcript

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- l information.
- 2 13. 12. The academic and instructional methodologies and
- 3 delivery systems to be used by the school and the extent to
- 4 which the school anticipates each methodology and delivery
- 5 system will be used, including, but not limited to, classroom
- 6 instruction, correspondence, electronic telecommunications
- 7 distance delivery, independent study, and portfolio experience
- 8 evaluation.
- 9 13. The name, title, business address, telephone number,
- 10 and resume of an Iowa resident compensated by the school to
- ll perform duties at a location in Iowa. A school that applies
- 12 for registration to offer a course of instruction by distance
- 13 delivery may provide an internet address as the business
- 14 address for an Iowa resident it compensates to perform duties
- 15 remotely from a location in Iowa.
- 16 14. The school's official Stafford loan cohort default rate
- 17 as calculated by the United States department of education for
- 18 the three most recent federal fiscal years, if applicable.
- 19 15. Average student loan debt upon graduation of students
- 20 completing programs at the school.
- 21 16. The graduation rate of undergraduate students as
- 22 reported to the United States department of education.
- 23 17. Evidence that the school meets the conditions of
- 24 financial responsibility established in section 714.18, or that
- 25 the school qualifies for an exemption under section 714.19 or
- 26 714.22.
- 27 Sec. 83. Section 261B.5, Code 2011, is amended to read as
- 28 follows:
- 29 **261B.5** Changes.
- 30 If any information provided to the commission department
- 31 under section 261B.3 or 261B.4 changes, the school shall inform
- 32 the commission department within ninety days of the effective
- 33 date of the change in the format specified by the commission
- 34 department.
- 35 Sec. 84. Section 261B.6, Code 2011, is amended to read as

- 1 follows:
- 2 261B.6 List of schools.
- 3 The commission department shall maintain a list of
- 4 registered schools and the list and the information submitted
- 5 under sections 261B.3 and 261B.4 are public records under
- 6 chapter 22.
- 7 Sec. 85. Section 261B.7, Code 2011, is amended to read as
- 8 follows:
- 9 261B.7 Unauthorized representation.
- 10 Neither a A school nor its or a school's officials or
- 11 employees shall not advertise or represent that the school is
- 12 approved or accredited by the commission department or the
- 13 state of Iowa nor shall it use the registration as a. However,
- 14 a registered school shall reference in promotional materials
- 15 that the school is registered by the department on behalf
- 16 of the state of Iowa and provide the department's contact
- 17 information for students who wish to inquire about the school
- 18 or file a complaint.
- 19 Sec. 86. Section 261B.8, subsection 1, Code 2011, is amended
- 20 to read as follows:
- 21 1. The commission department shall set by rule and collect
- 22 a nonrefundable initial registration fee and a renewal of
- 23 registration fee from each registered school. Moneys collected
- 24 as initial registration fees and registration renewal fees
- 25 shall be considered a repayment receipt, as defined in section
- 26 8.2, and shall be retained by the department.
- 27 Sec. 87. Section 261B.8, subsection 3, Code 2011, is amended
- 28 by striking the subsection.
- 29 Sec. 88. Section 261B.9, subsection 5, Code 2011, is amended
- 30 to read as follows:
- 31 5. Whether the postsecondary credential or certificate
- 32 issued, awarded, or credited to a student upon completion
- 33 of the course or the fact of completion of the course is
- 34 applicable toward a degree granted by the school and, if so,
- 35 under what circumstances the application will be made.

- 1 Sec. 89. Section 261B.9, Code 2011, is amended by adding the
- 2 following new subsection:
- NEW SUBSECTION. 7. The disclosures required by the
- 4 department for an out-of-state school that the state board
- 5 approves to offer a practitioner preparation program by
- 6 distance delivery method.
- 7 Sec. 90. NEW SECTION. 261B.10 Duties of the state board.
- 8 The state board shall do all of the following:
- 9 1. Adopt rules under chapter 17A for the implementation of 10 this chapter.
- 11 2. Establish reasonable registration standards for the
- 12 approval of postsecondary schools that are required to register
- 13 with the department in order to operate in this state. The
- 14 registration standards established by the state board shall
- 15 ensure that all of the following conditions are satisfied:
- 16 a. The courses, curriculum, and instruction offered by the
- 17 postsecondary school are of such quality and content as may
- 18 reasonably and adequately ensure achievement of the stated
- 19 objective for which the courses, curriculum, or instruction is
- 20 offered.
- 21 b. The postsecondary school has adequate space, equipment,
- 22 instructional material, and personnel to provide education and
- 23 training of good quality.
- 24 c. The educational and experience qualifications of
- 25 the postsecondary school's directors, administrators, and
- 26 instructors are such as may reasonably ensure that students
- 27 will receive instruction consistent with the objectives of the
- 28 postsecondary school's programs of study.
- 29 d. Upon completion of training or instruction, students are
- 30 given certificates, diplomas, or degrees as appropriate by the
- 31 postsecondary school indicating satisfactory completion of the
- 32 program.
- 33 e. The postsecondary school is financially responsible and
- 34 capable of fulfilling commitments for instruction.
- 35 3. Set by rule registration fees.

- 1 Sec. 91. Section 261B.11, Code 2011, is amended to read as 2 follows:
- 3 261B.11 Exceptions.
- 4 l. This chapter does not apply to the following types of
- 5 schools and courses of instruction:
- 6 1. a. Schools and educational programs conducted by firms,
- 7 corporations, or persons solely for the training of their own
- 8 employees.
- 9 2. b. Apprentice or other training programs provided by
- 10 labor unions solely to members or applicants for membership.
- 11 $\frac{3}{10}$ c. Courses of instruction of an avocational or
- 12 recreational nature that do not lead to an occupational
- 13 objective.
- 14 4. d. Seminars, refresher courses, and programs of
- 15 instruction sponsored by professional, business, or farming
- 16 organizations or associations for the members and employees of
- 17 members of these organizations or associations.
- 18 5. e. Courses of instruction conducted by a public school
- 19 district or a combination of public school districts.
- 20 6. f. Colleges and universities authorized by the laws of
- 21 this state to grant degrees.
- 22 7. g. Schools or courses of instruction or courses of
- 23 training that are offered by a vendor solely to the purchaser
- 24 or prospective purchaser of the vendor's product when the
- 25 objective of the school or course is to enable the purchaser
- 26 or the purchaser's employees to gain skills and knowledge to
- 27 enable the purchaser to use the product.
- 28 8. h. Schools and educational programs conducted by
- 29 religious organizations solely for the religious instruction of
- 30 leadership practitioners of that religious organization.
- 31 9. i. Postsecondary educational institutions licensed by
- 32 the state of Iowa prior to July 1, 2009, under section 157.8
- 33 or 158.7 to conduct business operate as schools of cosmetology
- 34 arts and sciences or as barber schools in the state.
- 35 10. j. Accredited higher education Eligible institutions

- 1 that meet the criteria established under as defined in section
- 2 261.92, subsection 1 261.1.
- 3 11. k. Postsecondary educational institutions offering
- 4 programs limited to nondegree specialty vocational training
- 5 programs.
- 6 12. Not-for-profit colleges and universities established
- 7 and authorized by city ordinance to grant degrees.
- 8 1. Higher education institutions located in Iowa that are
- 9 affiliated with health care systems located in Iowa, and which
- 10 offer health professions programs that are accredited by an
- 11 accrediting agency recognized by the United States department
- 12 of education.
- m. Higher education institutions located in Iowa whose
- 14 massage therapy curriculum is approved under administrative
- 15 rules of the professional licensure division of the department
- 16 of public health and whose instructors are licensed massage
- 17 therapists under chapter 152C.
- 2. A school that claims an exemption from registration
- 19 under subsection 1, paragraph "h", "i", "k", "l", or "m", must
- 20 demonstrate to the department or its designee that it qualifies
- 21 for the exemption. The school must apply for approval of its
- 22 exemption claim on an application supplied by the department.
- 23 The department or its designee may approve the school's
- 24 exemption claim or deny it. A school whose exemption claim is
- 25 approved must reapply to renew its exemption no less frequently
- 26 than every two years.
- 27 a. A school that is granted an exemption under this section
- 28 must file evidence of financial responsibility under section
- 29 714.18 or demonstrate to the department or its designee that
- 30 the school qualifies for an exemption under section 714.19 or
- 31 714.22.
- 32 b. A for-profit school with at least one program of
- 33 more than four months in length that leads to a recognized
- 34 educational credential, such as an academic or professional
- 35 degree, diploma, or license, must submit to the department or

- 1 its designee a tuition refund policy that meets the conditions
- 2 of section 714.23.
- 3 3. A school that is denied an exemption claim by the
- 4 department or its designee, or that no longer qualifies for
- 5 a claimed exemption, shall apply for registration or cease
- 6 operating in Iowa.
- 7 Sec. 92. NEW SECTION. 261B.11A Ineligibility for state
- 8 student aid programs.
- 9 1. Students attending schools required to register under
- 10 this chapter are ineligible for state student financial aid
- 11 programs established under chapter 261.
- 12 2. A school required to register under this chapter is
- 13 prohibited from offering state aid or advertising that state
- 14 aid is or may be available to students attending the school.
- 15 Sec. 93. Section 261B.12, subsections 1 and 2, Code 2011,
- 16 are amended to read as follows:
- 17 1. When the commission or the commission's designee
- 18 believes department determines a school is in violation of this
- 19 chapter, the commission department shall order the school to
- 20 show cause why the commission department should not issue a
- 21 cease and desist order to the school.
- 22 2. After the school's response to the show cause order has
- 23 been reviewed by the commission department, the commission
- 24 department may issue a cease and desist order to the school if
- 25 the commission believes department determines that the school
- 26 continues to be in violation of this chapter. If the school
- 27 does not cease and desist, the commission department may seek
- 28 judicial enforcement of the cease and desist order in any
- 29 district court.
- 30 DIVISION III
- 31 POSTSECONDARY REGISTRATION UNLAWFUL ACTIVITY
- 32 Sec. 94. Section 714.17, Code 2011, is amended to read as
- 33 follows:
- 34 714.17 Unlawful advertising and selling of educational
- 35 courses of instruction.

- 1 It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, association,
- 2 or corporation maintaining, advertising, or conducting in
- 3 Iowa any educational course of instruction for profit, or
- 4 for tuition charge, whether by classroom instructions, or by
- 5 correspondence, or by other delivery method to:
- 6 l. Falsely advertise or represent to any person any matter
- 7 material to such an educational course of instruction. All
- 8 advertising of such courses of instruction shall adhere to and
- 9 comply with the rules and regulations of the federal trade
- 10 commission as of July 4, 1965.
- 11 2. Collect tuition or other charges in excess of one hundred
- 12 fifty dollars in the case of educational courses offered by
- 13 correspondence courses of study, in advance of the receipt and
- 14 approval by the pupil of the first assignment or lesson of such
- 15 course. Any contract providing for advance payment of more
- 16 than one hundred fifty dollars shall be voidable on the part of
- 17 the pupil or any person liable for the tuition provided for in
- 18 the contract.
- Promise or guarantee employment utilizing information,
- 20 training, or skill purported to be provided or otherwise
- 21 enhanced by a an educational course, unless the promisor or
- 22 guarantor offers the student or prospective student a bona
- 23 fide contract of employment agreeing to employ said student
- 24 or prospective student for a period of not less than one
- 25 hundred twenty days in a business or other enterprise regularly
- 26 conducted by the promisor or guarantor and in which such
- 27 information, training, or skill is a normal condition of
- 28 employment.
- 29 Sec. 95. Section 714.18, subsection 1, Code 2011, is amended
- 30 to read as follows:
- Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, every
- 32 person, firm, association, or corporation maintaining or
- 33 conducting in Iowa any such educational course of instruction
- 34 by classroom instruction or by correspondence or by other
- 35 distance delivery method, or soliciting in Iowa the sale of

1 such course, shall file with the college student aid commission

- 2 department of education all of the following:
- 3 a. A continuous corporate surety bond to the state of
- 4 Iowa in the sum of fifty thousand dollars conditioned for
- 5 on the faithful performance of all contracts and agreements
- 6 with students made by such person, firm, association, or
- 7 corporation, or their salespersons; but the aggregate liability
- 8 of the surety for all breaches of the conditions of the bond
- 9 shall not exceed the sum of the bond. The surety on the
- 10 bond may cancel the bond upon giving thirty days' written
- 11 notice to the college student aid commission department of
- 12 education and thereafter shall be relieved of liability for any
- 13 breach of condition occurring after the effective date of the
- 14 cancellation.
- 15 b. A statement designating a resident agent for the purpose
- 16 of receiving service in civil actions. In the absence of such
- 17 designation, service may be had upon the secretary of state if
- 18 service cannot otherwise be made in this state.
- 19 c. A copy of any catalog, prospectus, brochure, or other
- 20 advertising material intended for distribution in Iowa.
- 21 Such material shall state the cost of the educational course
- 22 offered, the schedule of tuition refunds for portions of the
- 23 educational course not completed, and if no refunds are to
- 24 be paid, the material shall so state. Any contract induced
- 25 by advertising materials not previously filed as provided in
- 26 this chapter shall be voidable on the part of the pupil or any
- 27 person liable for the tuition provided for in the contract.
- 28 Sec. 96. Section 714.18, subsection 2, unnumbered paragraph
- 29 1, Code 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- 30 A school licensed under the provisions of section 157.8
- 31 or 158.7 shall file with the college student aid commission
- 32 department of education the following:
- 33 Sec. 97. Section 714.18, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code
- 34 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- 35 a. (1) A continuous corporate surety bond to the state of

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- 1 Iowa in the sum of fifty thousand dollars or ten percent of the
- 2 total annual tuition collected, whichever is less, conditioned
- 3 for on the faithful performance of all contracts and agreements
- 4 with students made by such school. A school desiring to file
- 5 a surety bond based on a percentage of annual tuition shall
- 6 provide to the college student aid commission department of
- 7 education, in the form prescribed by the commission department,
- 8 a notarized statement attesting to the total amount of tuition
- 9 collected in the preceding twelve-month period. The commission
- 10 department shall determine the sufficiency of the statement and
- 11 the amount of the bond. Tuition information submitted pursuant
- 12 to this subparagraph shall be kept confidential.
- 13 (2) If the school has filed a performance bond with an
- 14 agency of the United States government pursuant to federal law,
- 15 the college student aid commission department of education
- 16 shall reduce the bond required by this paragraph "a" by an
- 17 amount equal to the amount of the federal bond.
- 18 (3) The aggregate liability of the surety for all breaches
- 19 of the conditions of the bond shall not exceed the sum of
- 20 the bond. The surety on the bond may cancel the bond upon
- 21 giving thirty days' written notice to the college student aid
- 22 commission department of education and thereafter shall be
- 23 relieved of liability for any breach of condition occurring
- 24 after the effective date of the cancellation.
- 25 (4) The college student aid commission department of
- 26 education may accept a letter of credit from issued by a bank
- 27 in lieu of the corporate surety bond required by this paragraph
- 28 "a" subparagraphs (1) through (3), as applicable.
- 29 Sec. 98. Section 714.19, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2011,
- 30 is amended to read as follows:
- 31 None of the The provisions of sections 714.17 to 714.22
- 32 714.25 shall not apply to the following:
- 33 Sec. 99. Section 714.19, subsections 6 through 8, Code 2011,
- 34 are amended to read as follows:
- 35 6. Schools and educational programs conducted by firms,

- 1 corporations, or persons for the training of their own
- 2 employees, for which no fee is charged.
- Seminars, refresher courses, and schools of instruction
- 4 sponsored conducted by professional, business, or farming
- 5 organizations or associations for the members and employees of
- 6 members of such organizations or associations. A person who
- 7 provides instruction under this subsection who is not a member
- 8 or an employee of a member of the organization or association
- 9 shall not be eligible for this exemption.
- 10 8. Private business schools accredited by the accrediting
- 11 commission for business schools or an acknowledged accrediting
- 12 agency recognized by the United States department of education
- 13 or the council for higher education accreditation.
- 14 Sec. 100. Section 714.19, Code 2011, is amended by adding
- 15 the following new subsection:
- 16 NEW SUBSECTION. 10. Accredited private institutions as
- 17 defined in section 261.1.
- 18 Sec. 101. Section 714.22, subsection 1, Code 2011, is
- 19 amended to read as follows:
- 20 1. File a bond or a bond is filed on their behalf by a
- 21 parent corporation with the college student aid commission
- 22 department of education as required by section 714.18.
- 23 Sec. 102. Section 714.23, Code 2011, is amended by adding
- 24 the following new subsection:
- 25 NEW SUBSECTION. 01. a. For the purposes of this section
- 26 and section 714.25, "postsecondary educational program" means
- 27 a series of postsecondary educational courses that lead to
- 28 a recognized educational credential such as an academic or
- 29 professional degree, diploma, or license.
- 30 b. For the purposes of this section, "school period" means
- 31 the course, term, payment period, postsecondary educational
- 32 program, or other period for which the school assessed tuition
- 33 charges to the student. A school that assesses tuition charges
- 34 to the student at the beginning of each course, term, payment
- 35 period, or other period that is shorter than the postsecondary

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- 1 educational program's length shall base its tuition refund on
- 2 the amount of tuition costs the school charged for the course,
- 3 term, or other period in which the student terminated. A
- 4 school shall not base its tuition refund calculation on any
- 5 portion of a postsecondary educational program that remains
- 6 after a student terminates unless the student was charged for
- 7 that remaining portion of the postsecondary educational program
- 8 before the student's termination.
- 9 Sec. 103. Section 714.23, subsections 1 through 5, Code
- 10 2011, are amended to read as follows:
- 11 1. A person offering a course of instruction at the
- 12 postsecondary level at least one postsecondary educational
- 13 program, for profit, that is more than four months in
- 14 length and leads to a degree, diploma, or license recognized
- 15 educational credential, shall make a pro rata refund of no less
- 16 than ninety percent of the tuition for a terminating student to
- 17 the appropriate agency based upon charges to an Iowa resident
- 18 student who terminates from any of the school's postsecondary
- 19 educational programs in an amount that is not less than
- 20 ninety percent of the amount of tuition charged to the student
- 21 multiplied by the ratio of completed number of scheduled school
- 22 days to the number of calendar days remaining in the school
- 23 period until the date equivalent to the completion of sixty
- 24 percent of the scheduled school calendar days of in the school
- 25 term or course period to the total number of calendar days in
- 26 the school period until the date equivalent to the completion
- 27 of sixty percent of the calendar days in the school period.
- 28 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 1, the
- 29 following tuition refund policy shall apply:
- 30 a. If a terminating student has completed sixty percent or
- 31 more of a school term or course that is more than four months in
- 32 length period, the person offering the course of instruction
- 33 postsecondary educational program is not required to refund
- 34 tuition for charges to the student. However, if, at any time,
- 35 a student terminates a school term or course that is more than

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- 1 four months in length postsecondary educational program due
- 2 to the student's physical incapacity or, for a program that
- 3 requires classroom instruction, due to the transfer of the
- 4 student's spouse's employment to another city, the terminating
- 5 student shall receive a refund of tuition charges in an amount
- 6 which that equals the amount of tuition charged to the student
- 7 multiplied by the ratio of the remaining number of school
- 8 calendar days in the school period to the total school number
- 9 of calendar days of in the school term or course period.
- 10 b. A refund of ninety percent of the tuition for a
- 11 terminating student shall be paid to the appropriate agency
- 12 based upon the ratio of completed number of school days to
- 13 the total school days of the school term or course. A school
- 14 shall provide to a terminating student a refund of tuition
- 15 charges in an amount that is not less than ninety percent of
- 16 the amount of tuition charged to the student multiplied by the
- 17 ratio of the remaining number of calendar days in the school
- 18 period to the total number of calendar days in the school
- 19 period. This paragraph b'' applies to those persons offering
- 20 courses of instruction at the postsecondary level at least one
- 21 postsecondary educational program of more than four months in
- 22 length, for profit, whose cohort default rate for students
- 23 under the Stafford loan program as defined reported by the
- 24 United States department of education for the most recent
- 25 federal fiscal year is more than one hundred ten percent of the
- 26 national average cohort default rate of all schools for that
- 27 program for that period the same federal fiscal year or six
- 28 percent, whichever is higher.
- 29 3. If the financial obligations of a student are for three
- 30 or fewer months duration, this section does not apply. In the
- 31 case of a program in which student progress is measured only in
- 32 clock hours, all occurrences of "calendar days" in subsections
- 33 1 and 2 shall be replaced with "scheduled clock hours".
- 34 4. Refunds A refund of tuition charges shall be paid
- 35 provided to the appropriate agency student within thirty

- 1 forty-five days following the student's termination date of the
- 2 school's determination that a student has terminated from a
- 3 postsecondary educational program.
- 4 5. A student who terminates a course of instruction or
- 5 term postsecondary educational program shall not be charged
- 6 any fee or other monetary penalty for terminating a course of
- 7 instruction or term the postsecondary educational program,
- 8 other than a reduction in tuition refund as specified in this
- 9 section.
- 10 Sec. 104. NEW SECTION. 714.24 Additional requirements.
- 11 1. A required filing of evidence of financial
- 12 responsibility pursuant to section 714.18 must be completed at
- 13 least once every two years.
- 2. An entity that claims an exemption under section 714.19
- 15 or 714.22 must file an exemption claim with the department of
- 16 education. The department of education may approve or deny the
- 17 exemption claim. Except for a school that claims an exemption
- 18 under section 714.19, subsection 1, 3, or 10, a filing of a
- 19 claim for an exemption pursuant to section 714.19 or 714.22
- 20 must be completed at least once every two years.
- 21 3. An entity that claims an exemption under section 714.19
- 22 or 714.22 must file evidence of financial responsibility
- 23 pursuant to section 714.18 within sixty calendar days following
- 24 the date upon which conditions that qualify the entity for an
- 25 exemption under section 714.19 no longer exist. The department
- 26 of education may grant an entity a longer period to file
- 27 evidence of financial responsibility based on documentation
- 28 the entity provides to the department of education of its
- 29 substantial progress to comply with section 714.18, subsection
- 30 l, paragraph "a".
- 31 4. An entity that is required to file evidence of financial
- 32 responsibility under section 714.18, or an entity that files
- 33 a claim of exemption under section 714.19 or 714.22, shall
- 34 utilize required forms approved and supplied by the department
- 35 of education.

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- 1 5. The department of education may, at its discretion,
- 2 require a proprietary school that must comply with section
- 3 714.23 to submit its tuition refund policy to the department of
- 4 education for its review and approval.
- 5 6. The department of education and the attorney general may,
- 6 individually or jointly, adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A
- 7 for the implementation of sections 714.18 through 714.25.
- Except as provided in section 714.18, subsection 2,
- 9 paragraph "a", the information submitted under sections 714.18,
- 10 714.22, 714.23, and 714.25 are public records under chapter 22.
- 11 Sec. 105. Section 714.25, Code 2011, is amended to read as
- 12 follows:
- 13 714.25 Disclosure.
- 14 l. For purposes of this chapter section, unless the
- 15 context otherwise requires, "proprietary school" means a person
- 16 offering a course of instruction at the postsecondary level
- 17 postsecondary educational program, for profit, that is more
- 18 than four months in length and leads to a degree, diploma, or
- 19 license recognized educational credential, such as an academic
- 20 or professional degree, diploma, or license.
- 21 2. A proprietary school shall, prior to the time a student
- 22 is obligated for payment of any moneys, inform the student, the
- 23 college student aid commission department of education, and in
- 24 the case of a school licensed under section 157.8, the board
- 25 of cosmetology arts and sciences or in the case of a school
- 26 licensed under section 158.7, the board of barbering, of all
- 27 of the following:
- 28 a. The total cost of the course of instruction postsecondary
- 29 educational program as charged by the proprietary school.
- 30 b. An estimate of any fees which may be charged the
- 31 student by others which would be required if the student is
- 32 to successfully complete the course postsecondary educational
- 33 program and, if applicable, obtain a degree, diploma, or
- 34 license recognized educational credential.
- 35 c. The percentage of students who successfully complete

- 1 the course postsecondary educational program, the percentage
- 2 who terminate prior to completing the course postsecondary
- 3 educational program, and the period of time upon which the
- 4 proprietary school has based these percentages. The reporting
- 5 period shall not be less than one year in length and shall not
- 6 extend more than five years into the past.
- 7 d. If claims are made by the proprietary school as to
- 8 successful placement of students in jobs upon completion of the
- 9 course of study proprietary school's postsecondary educational
- 10 programs, the proprietary school shall provide the student with
- 11 all of the following:
- 12 (1) The percentage of graduating students who were placed
- 13 in jobs in fields related to the course of instruction
- 14 postsecondary educational programs.
- 15 (2) The percentage of graduating students who went on to
- 16 further education immediately upon graduation.
- 17 (3) The percentage of students who, ninety days after
- 18 graduation, were without a job and had not gone on to further
- 19 education.
- 20 (4) The period of time upon which the reports required by
- 21 paragraphs "a" through "c" were based. The reporting period
- 22 shall not be less than one year in length and shall not extend
- 23 more than five years into the past.
- 24 e. If claims are made by the proprietary school as to income
- 25 levels of students who have graduated and are working in fields
- 26 related to the proprietary school's course of instruction
- 27 postsecondary educational programs, the proprietary school
- 28 shall inform the student of the method used to derive such
- 29 information.
- 30 3. The requirements of subsection 2 shall not apply to
- 31 a proprietary school that is eligible for federal student
- 32 financial aid under Tit. IV of the federal Higher Education Act
- 33 of 1965, as amended.
- 34 DIVISION IV
- 35 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

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- 1 Sec. 106. REPEAL. Sections 261.9, 261.13 through 261.17A,
- 2 261.20, 261.22, 261.24, 261.25, 261.35 through 261.39, 261.41
- 3 through 261.43A, 261.44, 261.48, 261.54, 261.81A, 261.84,
- 4 261.92, 261.96, 261.97, 261.101 through 261.105, 261.121
- 5 through 261.127, and 714.22, Code and Code Supplement 2011, are
- 6 repealed.
- 7 Sec. 107. TRANSITION PROVISIONS.
- 8 1. Any scholarship, loan, or grant awarded under a
- 9 program administered by the college student aid commission in
- 10 accordance with chapter 261, Code and Code Supplement 2011,
- ll prior to the effective date of this Act is valid and shall
- 12 continue as provided in the terms of the award. On or after the
- 13 effective date of this Act, such awards shall be administered
- 14 by the department of education.
- 15 2. Any rule, regulation, form, order, or directive
- 16 promulgated by the college student aid commission as required
- 17 to administer and enforce the provisions of chapters 261 and
- 18 261B, Code and Code Supplement 2011, shall continue in full
- 19 force and effect until amended, repealed, or supplemented by
- 20 affirmative action of the state board of education.
- 21 3. An administrative hearing or court proceeding arising
- 22 out of an enforcement action under chapters 261 and 261B,
- 23 pending on the effective date of this Act, shall not be
- 24 affected by this Act. Any cause of action or statute of
- 25 limitation relating to an action taken by the college student
- 26 aid commission shall not be affected by this Act and such
- 27 cause of action or statute of limitation shall apply to the
- 28 state board of education or the department of education, as
- 29 applicable.
- 30 4. a. All employees of the college student aid commission
- 31 shall be considered employees of the department of education on
- 32 the effective date of this Act without incurring any loss in
- 33 salary, benefits, or accrued years of service.
- 34 b. If an employee of the commission is an employee covered
- 35 under the collective bargaining provisions of chapter 20, that

1 employee shall also be covered under chapter 20 upon becoming

- 2 employed by the department of education.
- 3 c. All employees of the commission becoming employed by
- 4 the department pursuant to this subsection shall be considered
- 5 employees for purposes of chapter 97B.
- 6 5. Any replacement of signs, logos, stationery, insignia,
- 7 uniforms, and related items that is made due to the effect of
- 8 this Act shall be done as part of the normal replacement cycle
- 9 for such items.
- 10 6. The college student aid commission shall assist the
- 11 department of education in implementing this Act by providing
- 12 for an effective transition of powers and duties from one
- 13 agency to another under chapters 256, 261, and 261B and
- 14 related administrative rules. To the extent requested by the
- 15 department of education, such assistance shall include but is
- 16 not limited to assisting in cooperating with federal agencies
- 17 such as the United States department of education.
- 18 7. Any moneys remaining in any account or fund under the
- 19 control of the college student aid commission on the effective
- 20 date of this Act and relating to the provisions of this Act
- 21 shall be transferred to a comparable fund or account under
- 22 the control of the department of education for such purposes.
- 23 Notwithstanding section 8.33, the moneys transferred in
- 24 accordance with this subsection shall not revert to the account
- 25 or fund from which appropriated or transferred.
- 26 8. Any registration or contract issued or entered into by
- 27 the college student aid commission relating to the provisions
- 28 of chapter 261 or 261B, Code and Code Supplement 2011, in
- 29 effect on the effective date of this Act shall continue in
- 30 full force and effect pending transfer of such registration or
- 31 contract to the department of education.
- 32 9. Federal funds utilized by the college student aid
- 33 commission prior to the effective date of this Act to employ
- 34 personnel necessary for the administration of the commission's
- 35 programs shall be applied to and be available for the transfer

- 1 of such personnel from the commission office to the department
- 2 of education.
- 3 Sec. 108. TRANSITIONAL PROVISION FOR COLLEGE STUDENT
- 4 AID COUNCIL MEMBERS' TERMS ON THE COLLEGE STUDENT AID
- 5 COMMISSION. The initial organizational meeting of the college
- 6 student aid council established pursuant to section 261.8 shall
- 7 be convened by the director of the department of education.
- 8 The members serving on the college student aid commission on
- 9 the effective date of this Act shall serve as the initial
- 10 members of the college student aid council and shall fulfill
- 11 the duties of the college student aid council until the end of
- 12 the terms to which they were appointed under section 261.1,
- 13 Code and Code Supplement 2011, when members to the council
- 14 shall be appointed in accordance with section 261.8.
- 15 Sec. 109. CODE EDITOR AUTHORIZATION. The Code editor may
- 16 reorganize the sections and divisions of chapter 261 in a
- 17 manner other than that provided in this Act in order to enhance
- 18 the chapter's readability.
- 19 Sec. 110. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect January 1,
- 20 2013.
- 21 EXPLANATION
- 22 This bill strikes provisions relating to the creation of the
- 23 college student aid commission and transfers the duties and
- 24 responsibilities over Code chapter 261, administering student
- 25 financial aid programs, and Code chapter 261B, registering
- 26 postsecondary schools, to the state board of education and to
- 27 the department of education. The department is charged with
- 28 carrying out programs and policies as determined by the state
- 29 board. The bill establishes a college student aid council
- 30 to advise the state board. The bill increases the maximum
- 31 balance of the scholarship and grant reserve fund from 1 to 2
- 32 percent of the funds appropriated to the scholarship and grant
- 33 programs, and increases the maximum annual tuition grant award
- 34 from \$4,000 to \$6,000. The bill also includes transitional
- 35 provisions relating to the transfer of employees from the

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- 1 commission to the department, the validity of awards made
- 2 by the commission prior to the effective date of the bill,
- 3 cooperation with federal agencies, transfer of funds, and
- 4 enforcement actions.
- 5 DIVISION I TRANSFER OF COMMISSION DUTIES. The bill
- 6 authorizes the department to enter into any agreements with
- 7 the United States secretary of education or other federal
- 8 agency that are necessary to provide education programs and
- 9 services to current and future Iowa postsecondary students and
- 10 their counselors, parents and guardians, and to elementary,
- 11 secondary, and postsecondary institutions. The bill also
- 12 specifically authorizes the department to administer the
- 13 college access initiative and the gaining early awareness and
- 14 readiness for undergraduate programs authorized under federal
- 15 law.
- 16 The bill requires the department to develop and provide
- 17 information, materials, and services to eligible lenders,
- 18 postsecondary institutions, elementary and secondary schools,
- 19 students, parents, education loan borrowers, and the general
- 20 public; to develop and implement programs, initiatives and
- 21 services relating to postsecondary student aid outreach,
- 22 financial literacy education, career planning, student aid
- 23 program compliance assistance and training, program monitoring
- 24 and compliance review, default prevention, default aversion,
- 25 and defaulted federal student loan collection; and to conduct
- 26 college access initiative activities as required under federal
- 27 law.
- 28 The bill requires the department to expend property and
- 29 moneys belonging to the agency operating account to execute the
- 30 department's powers and duties.
- 31 The bill establishes a college student aid council
- 32 consisting of 12 members. Membership on the new council
- 33 reflects the current membership on the college student aid
- 34 commission except that the council's membership includes a
- 35 college president who represents for-profit colleges and

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- 1 universities in the state, it does not include a member who
- 2 represents a lending institution or a member who is repaying or
- 3 has repaid a student loan guaranteed by the commission, and it
- 4 has one less member to represent the general public. Except as
- 5 otherwise provided, members shall serve staggered terms of four
- 6 years beginning on May 1 of the year of appointment.
- 7 The council is tasked with assisting the state board with
- 8 substantial issues which are directly related to college
- 9 student financial aid and registration of postsecondary
- 10 schools. The state board shall refer all substantial issues
- 11 directly related to college student financial aid and
- 12 registration of postsecondary schools to the council. The
- 13 council shall formulate recommendations on each issue referred
- 14 to it by the state board and shall submit the recommendations
- 15 to the state board within any specified time periods.
- 16 The initial organizational meeting of the college student
- 17 aid council shall be called by the director of the department.
- 18 The members serving on the college student aid commission on
- 19 the effective date of the bill shall serve as the initial
- 20 members of the council and shall fulfill the duties of the
- 21 council until the end of the terms to which they were appointed
- 22 under Code section 261.1 (Code and Code Supplement 2011), when
- 23 members to the council shall be appointed in accordance with
- 24 Code section 261.8.
- 25 Under the bill, the barber and cosmetology schools must
- 26 submit an annual report to the department, as other accredited
- 27 private institutions are required to submit, relating to
- 28 institution and student data.
- 29 DIVISION II POSTSECONDARY REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS.
- 30 The bill expands the definition of a postsecondary school
- 31 which maintains a presence in Iowa to include, with certain
- 32 exceptions, a location in the state at which a student
- 33 participates in any structured activity related to a school's
- 34 distance education course of instruction, as well as any
- 35 address, location, telephone number, or internet protocol

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- 1 address in Iowa from which the school conducts any aspect of
- 2 its operations.
- 3 The bill requires postsecondary schools to renew
- 4 registration with the department every two years instead of
- 5 every four years.
- 6 The bill allows the department to grant a provisional
- 7 registration to a postsecondary school that is not accredited
- 8 by an agency or organization that is recognized by the United
- 9 States department of education. Such a school must report on
- 10 its progress toward seeking accreditation every six months.
- 11 Provisional registration may be renewed at the department's
- 12 discretion.
- 13 The bill expands the information a postsecondary school
- 14 seeking to register must provide to the department. The
- 15 new requirements include the name, title, business address,
- 16 telephone number, and resume of an Iowa resident compensated
- 17 by the school to perform duties at a location in the state;
- 18 the school's official Stafford loan cohort default rate as
- 19 calculated by the United States department of education for the
- 20 three most recent federal fiscal years; the average student
- 21 loan debt upon graduation of students completing programs at
- 22 the school; the graduation rate of undergraduate students as
- 23 reported to the United States department of education; and
- 24 evidence that the school meets the conditions of financial
- 25 responsibility established in Code chapter 714.
- The bill makes changes to postsecondary schools exempt from
- 27 Code chapter 261B, including exemptions for schools at which
- 28 students are eligible for tuition grants under Code chapter
- 29 261; certain schools affiliated with health care systems; and
- 30 certain schools offering approved massage therapy curriculums.
- 31 The bill specifies that students attending schools which
- 32 must register with the department under Code chapter 261B
- 33 are ineligible for state student financial aid programs
- 34 established by Code chapter 261, and such schools may not offer
- 35 such financial aid or advertise that such financial aid is

- l available.
- 2 The bill also makes changes to terminology and other
- 3 technical changes relating to the department's registration
- 4 requirements under Code chapter 261B.
- 5 DIVISION III POSTSECONDARY REGISTRATION UNLAWFUL
- 6 ACTIVITY. The bill makes various changes relating to the
- 7 department's oversight functions over the advertising,
- 8 financial responsibility, tuition refund, and disclosure
- 9 requirements and restrictions governing certain educational
- 10 programs and courses under Code chapter 714.
- 11 The bill amends Code section 714.19, relating to the
- 12 nonapplicability of Code sections 714.17 to 714.25, governing
- 13 business and financial practices of sellers of educational
- 14 courses, to provide that instructors for courses conducted
- 15 by professional, business, or farming organizations or
- 16 associations for the members and employees of members of such
- 17 entities who are not members or employees of members themselves
- 18 are ineligible for exemption from Code sections 714.17 to
- 19 714.25. The bill specifies accreditation standards for private
- 20 business schools exempt from Code sections 714.17 to 714.25.
- 21 The bill creates a new exemption from Code sections 714.17
- 22 to 714.25 for private, nonprofit schools eligible for state
- 23 student financial aid programs authorized under Code chapter
- 24 261. The bill repeals Code section 714.22, which exempts trade
- 25 and vocational schools from Code sections 714.17 to 714.25 if
- 26 certain conditions are met.
- 27 The bill amends Code section 714.23 to remove the exemption
- 28 for students with financial obligations of three or fewer
- 29 months' duration from standards regarding tuition refund
- 30 policies. The bill provides for the inclusion of educational
- 31 programs in which student progress is measured only in clock
- 32 hours under standards regarding tuition refund policies. The
- 33 bill also provides that certain tuition refunds must be paid
- 34 directly to students. A violation of Code section 714.23 is a
- 35 simple misdemeanor, which is punishable by confinement for not

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- 1 more than 30 days or a fine of at least \$65 but not more than
- 2 \$625 or by both.
- 3 The bill amends Code section 714.25 to exempt from certain
- 4 disclosure requirements proprietary schools, as defined in the
- 5 bill, that are eligible for federal student financial aid under
- 6 Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965.
- 7 The bill provides that the department and the attorney
- 8 general may, individually or jointly, adopt rules pursuant
- 9 to Code chapter 17A to carry out the department's oversight
- 10 functions under Code chapter 714.
- 11 The bill also makes changes to terminology, demonstration
- 12 of compliance, and exemptions relating to the department's
- 13 oversight functions under Code chapter 714.
- 14 DIVISION IV MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS. The bill repeals
- 15 a number of Code sections that have not been funded in
- 16 recent years, including provisions relating to the Iowa hope
- 17 loan program, accelerated career education grants, the Iowa
- 18 quaranteed loan program, quaranteed loan payment program,
- 19 minority teacher loan payments, repayment of science and
- 20 mathematics loans, and the Iowa heritage corps. Because of
- 21 changes in federal law, the bill repeals provisions that
- 22 authorized the college student aid commission to initiate
- 23 action to deny, revoke, or suspend any license authorized by
- 24 state law, to any person who defaulted on an obligation owed
- 25 or collected by the commission. Provisions relating to the
- 26 minority academic grants for economic success are transferred
- 27 to new Code section 262.83, as the state board of regents
- 28 currently administers the program.
- 29 The bill includes a number of conforming amendments.
- 30 The bill takes effect January 1, 2013.