

**House File 283 - Introduced**

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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 126)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the time period over which payments are made  
2 under the all Iowa opportunity scholarship program.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 261.87, subsection 3, Code 2015, is  
2 amended by striking the subsection and inserting in lieu  
3 thereof the following:

4 3. *Extent of scholarship.* A qualified student at an  
5 eligible institution may receive scholarships for not more than  
6 the equivalent of two full-time academic years of undergraduate  
7 study, excluding summer semesters, or the equivalent.  
8 Scholarships awarded pursuant to this section shall be awarded  
9 on an annual basis and shall not exceed the lesser of the  
10 following, as determined by the commission:

11 a. The student's financial need.

12 b. One-half of the average resident tuition rate and  
13 mandatory fees established for institutions of higher learning  
14 governed by the state board of regents.

15 c. The resident tuition and mandatory fees charged for the  
16 program of enrollment by the eligible institution at which the  
17 student is enrolled.

18 EXPLANATION

19 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
20 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

21 This bill authorizes a qualified student at an eligible  
22 institution, which is defined in the Code as a community  
23 college or regents university, to receive an all Iowa  
24 opportunity scholarship for not more than two full-time  
25 academic years of undergraduate study, excluding summer  
26 semesters. The scholarship must be awarded by the college  
27 student aid commission to the student on an annual basis.  
28 Under current law, a qualified student who receives the  
29 scholarship must each year meet the eligibility requirements  
30 established in the Code.