

**Senate File 81 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act making certain students who are enrolled at certain  
2 barber schools or schools of cosmetology arts and sciences  
3 eligible for vocational-technical tuition grants.

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

1 Section 1. Section 261.17, subsections 1, 2, and 5, Code  
2 2015, are amended to read as follows:

3 1. A vocational-technical tuition grant may be awarded to  
4 any resident of Iowa who is admitted and in attendance as a  
5 full-time or part-time student in a vocational-technical or  
6 career option program at a ~~community college~~ an eligible school  
7 in the state, and who establishes financial need. For purposes  
8 of this section, "eligible school" means a community college as  
9 established under chapter 260C or an eligible school as defined  
10 in section 261.61, subsection 9.

11 2. All classes, including liberal arts classes, identified  
12 by the ~~community college~~ eligible school as required for  
13 completion of the student's vocational-technical or career  
14 option program or courses required for completion of a  
15 course of study required for licensure as provided in  
16 section 157.10 or 158.8 shall be considered a part of the  
17 student's vocational-technical or career option program for  
18 the purpose of determining the student's eligibility for a  
19 grant. Notwithstanding subsection 3, if a student is making  
20 satisfactory academic progress but the student cannot complete  
21 a vocational-technical or career option program in the time  
22 frame allowed for a student to receive a vocational-technical  
23 tuition grant as provided in subsection 3 because additional  
24 classes are required to complete the program, the student may  
25 continue to receive a vocational-technical tuition grant for  
26 not more than one additional enrollment period.

27 5. A vocational-technical tuition grant shall be awarded  
28 on an annual basis, requiring reapplication by the student for  
29 each year. Payments under the grant shall be allocated equally  
30 among the semesters or quarters of the year upon certification  
31 by the ~~institution~~ eligible school that the student is in  
32 full-time or part-time attendance in a vocational-technical or  
33 career option program, as defined under rules of the department  
34 of education. If the student discontinues attendance before  
35 the end of any term after receiving payment of the grant, the

1 entire amount of any refund due that student, up to the amount  
2 of any payments made under the annual grant, shall be paid by  
3 the institution to the state.

4 Sec. 2. Section 261.17, subsection 7, paragraph a, Code  
5 2015, is amended to read as follows:

6 a. Provide application forms for distribution to students by  
7 Iowa high schools and ~~community colleges~~ eligible schools.

8 EXPLANATION

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

11 This bill allows a student who receives a  
12 vocational-technical tuition grant to use the grant at  
13 a barber school or a school of cosmetology arts and sciences  
14 that meets the requirements established under the bill, or at a  
15 community college. Currently, such a grant can be used only  
16 at a community college.

17 The requirements for a barber school or a school of  
18 cosmetology arts and sciences include being accredited by a  
19 national accrediting agency recognized by the United States  
20 department of education and meeting the criteria established  
21 for accredited postsecondary institutions in Code section  
22 261.9, subsection 1, paragraphs "d" through "g".