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A BILL FOR

1 An Act modifying the membership of the college student aid
2 commission.

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

1 Section 1. Section 261.1, subsection 2, paragraphs a and d,
2 Code 2017, are amended to read as follows:

3 a. A member of the state board of regents to be named by the
4 board, or the executive director of the board if so appointed
5 by the board, who shall serve for a four-year term or until the
6 expiration of the member's term of office. ~~Such member shall~~
7 ~~convene the organizational meeting of the commission.~~

8 d. ~~Eight~~ Nine additional members to be appointed by the
9 governor. as follows:

10 (1) ~~One of the members~~ member shall be selected to represent
11 private colleges and universities located in the state of Iowa.
12 When appointing this member, the governor shall give careful
13 consideration to any person ~~or persons~~ nominated or recommended
14 by any organization or association of some or all private
15 colleges and universities located in the state of Iowa.

16 (2) ~~One of the members~~ member shall be selected to represent
17 Iowa's community colleges ~~located in the state of Iowa.~~

18 When appointing this member, the governor shall give careful
19 consideration to any person or persons nominated or recommended
20 by any organization or association of Iowa community colleges.

21 (3) One member shall be enrolled as a student at a an
22 institution of higher learning governed by the board of regents
23 institution, a community college, or an accredited private
24 institution.

25 (4) One member shall be a ~~representative of a lending~~
26 ~~institution located in this state. One member shall be~~
27 ~~an individual who is repaying or has repaid a student loan~~
28 ~~guaranteed by the commission~~ parent of a student enrolled
29 at an institution of higher learning governed by the board
30 of regents, a community college, or an accredited private
31 institution.

32 (5) One member shall represent practitioners licensed
33 under chapter 272. When appointing this member, the governor
34 shall give careful consideration to any person nominated by
35 an Iowa teacher association or other education stakeholder

1 organization.

2 (6) ~~The other three~~ Four members shall represent the
3 general public, none of whom shall be official board members
4 or trustees of an institution of higher learning or of an
5 association of institutions of higher learning, ~~shall be~~
6 ~~selected to represent the general public.~~

7 Sec. 2. Section 261.1, subsection 3, Code 2017, is amended
8 to read as follows:

9 3. The members of the commission appointed by the governor
10 shall serve for a term of four years. The voting members of
11 the commission shall elect a chairperson and vice chairperson.
12 Meetings may be called by the chairperson or a majority of the
13 voting members.

14 Sec. 3. Section 261.1, subsection 4, paragraph b, Code 2017,
15 is amended to read as follows:

16 b. A vacancy shall exist on the commission when a
17 legislative member of the commission ceases to be a member of
18 the general assembly, when a parent member no longer has a
19 child enrolled in postsecondary education, or when a student
20 member ceases to be enrolled as a student. Such vacancy shall
21 be filled within thirty days.

22 EXPLANATION

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

25 This bill makes changes to the membership of the college
26 student aid commission.

27 Currently, one of the members of the commission is also
28 a member of the board of regents or the executive director
29 of the board of regents. The bill strikes a provision that
30 directs this member to convene the organizational meeting of
31 the commission.

32 The bill strikes provisions requiring that one member
33 represent a lending institution and one member be an individual
34 who is repaying or has repaid a student loan guaranteed by the
35 commission, and adds provisions requiring that one member be

1 a parent of a student enrolled in an accredited postsecondary
2 institution in the state, and that one member represent
3 practitioners licensed by the board of educational examiners.
4 The bill increases the number of members who represent the
5 general public from three to four members.

6 Under the bill, a vacancy occurs when the parent member no
7 longer has a child enrolled in postsecondary education; the
8 voting members of the commission shall elect a chairperson and
9 vice chairperson; and meetings may be called by the chairperson
10 or a majority of the voting members.