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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to eligibility requirements for the future
2 ready Iowa skilled workforce last-dollar scholarship
3 program.

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

1 Section 1. Section 261.131, subsection 1, paragraph e,
2 subparagraph (1), Code 2020, is amended to read as follows:

3 (1) Is either a ~~new~~ graduate of an Iowa high school or
4 has completed private instruction under chapter 299A, and who
5 prior to becoming an adult learner enrolls full-time during
6 the academic year, or part-time for a summer semester, in
7 an eligible program at an eligible institution ~~by the fall~~
8 ~~semester, or the equivalent, following graduation from high~~
9 ~~school or completion of private instruction under chapter~~
10 ~~299A; or is an adult learner who is at least age twenty at the~~
11 beginning of the state fiscal year, who has received a high
12 school diploma or a high school equivalency diploma, and who
13 enrolls in an eligible program in an eligible institution as a
14 full-time or part-time student.

15 EXPLANATION

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

18 This bill expands the definition of "eligible student" under
19 the future ready Iowa skilled workforce last-dollar scholarship
20 program administered by the college student aid commission.
21 Current law limits scholarship eligibility to new high school
22 graduates who enroll full-time in an eligible institution by
23 the fall semester following graduation or completion of private
24 instruction, and to adult learners who enroll full-time or
25 part-time in an eligible institution. The bill amends the
26 definition to include individuals who, following high school
27 graduation or completion of private instruction and prior to
28 becoming an adult learner, enroll full-time in an eligible
29 institution for a regular semester or part-time for a summer
30 semester, as well as adult learners who are at least age 20 at
31 the beginning of the state fiscal year.