

House File 290 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC
GROWTH

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 85)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to eligibility and reporting requirements for
2 the skilled workforce shortage tuition grant program.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 261.130, subsection 2, Code 2019, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. Skilled workforce shortage tuition grants shall be
4 awarded only to students pursuing a career-technical or career
5 option program in an industry identified as having a shortage
6 of skilled workers by a community college after conducting a
7 regional skills gap analysis or as being a high-demand job by
8 the department of workforce development in the department's
9 most recent ~~quarterly report pursuant to section 84A.6,~~
10 subsection 4 list of high-demand jobs. If a community college
11 no longer identifies the industry as having a shortage of
12 skilled workers or the department no longer identifies the
13 industry as a high-demand job, an eligible student who received
14 a grant for a career-technical or career option program based
15 on that identification shall continue to receive the grant
16 until achieving a postsecondary credential, up to an associate
17 degree, as long as the student is continuously enrolled in
18 that program and continues to meet all other eligibility
19 requirements.

20 Sec. 2. Section 261.130, subsection 8, paragraph d, Code
21 2019, is amended to read as follows:

22 *d.* Make an annual report to the governor and general
23 assembly. The report shall include the number of students
24 receiving assistance and the industries identified by
25 the community colleges and by the department of workforce
26 development ~~pursuant to section 84A.6, subsection 4,~~ for which
27 students were admitted to a career-technical or career option
28 program.

29 EXPLANATION

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

32 This bill strikes references in eligibility and reporting
33 requirements for the skilled workforce shortage tuition grant
34 program to the quarterly report by the department of workforce
35 development on industries the department identifies as having

1 a shortage of skilled workers. The quarterly reporting
2 requirement will be stricken July 1, 2019, by 2018 Iowa Acts,
3 chapter 1067, section 9. The bill instead provides references
4 to a list of high-demand jobs by the department.

5 The bill also provides that if a community college no longer
6 identifies an industry as having a shortage of skilled workers
7 or the department no longer identifies the industry as a
8 high-demand job, an eligible student who received a skilled
9 workforce shortage tuition grant for a career-technical or
10 career option program based on that identification shall
11 continue to receive the grant until achieving a postsecondary
12 credential, up to an associate degree, as long as the student
13 is continuously enrolled in that program and continues to meet
14 all other eligibility requirements.