

Senate File 2102 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to applicant priority and grant award amounts
2 under the teach Iowa scholar program.

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

1 Section 1. Section 261.110, subsections 2 and 4, Code 2020,
2 are amended to read as follows:

3 2. An Iowa resident or nonresident applicant shall be
4 eligible for a teach Iowa scholar grant if the applicant
5 meets all of the criteria specified under, or established in
6 accordance with, subsection 3. Priority shall be given first
7 to applicants who are minority persons, then to applicants who
8 are residents of Iowa. A person is ineligible for this program
9 if the person receives a forgivable loan under section 261.111
10 or loan forgiveness under section 261.112. For purposes of
11 this section, "minority person" means the same as defined in
12 section 15.102.

13 4. A selected applicant who meets all of the eligibility
14 requirements of this section shall be eligible for a teach
15 Iowa scholar grant for each year of full-time employment
16 completed in this state as a teacher for a school district,
17 charter school, area education agency, or accredited nonpublic
18 school. A teach Iowa scholar grant shall not exceed ~~four~~ seven
19 thousand five hundred dollars per year per recipient. Grants
20 awarded under this section shall not exceed a total of ~~twenty~~
21 thirty-seven thousand five hundred dollars per recipient over
22 a five-year period. If a selected applicant has received a
23 federally guaranteed Stafford loan under the federal family
24 education loan program or the federal direct loan program,
25 a federal direct plus loan, or a federal Perkins loan, the
26 selected applicant may elect to have the commission make
27 payment under the program directly to the selected applicant's
28 student loan holder.

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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 modifies the teach Iowa scholar program to give
33 first priority to applicants who are minority persons, with
34 subsequent priority to residents of Iowa, and raises the annual
35 grant limitation from \$4,000 to \$7,500 and the total grant

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1 limitation over a five-year period from \$20,000 to \$37,500.

2 Currently, priority is given to residents of Iowa.