

House File 2236 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act modifying provisions related to the Iowa tuition grants
- 2 program and including effective date provisions.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 84A.1B, subsection 5, paragraph b, Code
2 2026, is amended to read as follows:

3 b. Educational attainment of a qualifying credential of at
4 least a bachelor's degree, or attainment of an initial or intern
5 Iowa teaching license issued under chapter 256 through a pathway
6 to licensure offered by an institution of higher education under
7 the control of the state board of regents or an accredited
8 private institution as defined in section 256.183, Code 2026.

9 Sec. 2. Section 139A.8B, subsection 2, paragraph b, Code
10 2026, is amended to read as follows:

11 b. "*Postsecondary school*" means a postsecondary institution
12 under the control of the state board of regents, a community
13 college established under chapter 260C, or an accredited private
14 institution as defined in section 256.183, Code 2026.

15 Sec. 3. Section 256.7, subsection 22, Code 2026, is amended
16 to read as follows:

17 22. Adopt rules and a procedure for the approval of
18 para-educator preparation programs offered by a public school
19 district, area education agency, community college, institution
20 of higher education under the state board of regents, or an
21 accredited private institution as defined in section 256.183,
22 subsection 1, Code 2026. The programs shall train and
23 recommend individuals for para-educator certification under
24 section 256.157.

25 Sec. 4. Section 256.28, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended
26 to read as follows:

27 1. Subject to an appropriation of sufficient funds by
28 the general assembly, the department shall establish a teach
29 Iowa student teaching pilot project in collaboration with two
30 institutions of higher education which offer teacher preparation
31 programs approved by the state board of education pursuant to
32 section 256.7, subsection 3. The two institutions of higher
33 education shall include one institution of higher education under
34 the control of the state board of regents and one accredited
35 private institution as defined in section 256.183, Code 2026.

1 Sec. 5. Section 256.180, subsection 3, Code 2026, is amended
2 to read as follows:

3 3. Notwithstanding any other provision of this part, in the
4 event of a national emergency declared by the president of the
5 United States by reason of terrorist attack, the commission may
6 grant temporary relief from requirements rendered infeasible or
7 unreasonable, including due diligence requirements and reporting
8 deadlines, by the national emergency, to an institution of higher
9 education under the state board of regents, a community college,
10 an accredited private institution as defined in section 256.183,
11 Code 2026, eligible lenders, and other entities participating in
12 the state student assistance programs in accordance with this
13 part, that are located in, or whose operations are directly
14 affected by, areas that are declared disaster areas by any
15 federal, state, or local official in connection with the national
16 emergency. If the commission issues a waiver in accordance with
17 this section, the report prepared by the commission pursuant to
18 section 17A.9A, subsection 5, shall include examples of measures
19 that a postsecondary institution may take in the appropriate
20 exercise of discretion, as provided in 20 U.S.C. §1087tt, to
21 adjust financial need and aid eligibility determinations for
22 affected individuals.

23 Sec. 6. Section 256.181, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
24 to read as follows:

25 2. The general assembly recommends that every public and
26 private institution of higher education in this state, including
27 those institutions referenced in chapters 260C and 262 and
28 section 256.183, Code 2026, post the list of required and
29 suggested textbooks for all courses and the corresponding
30 international standard book numbers for such textbooks at least
31 fourteen days before the start of each semester or term, to the
32 extent possible, at the locations where textbooks are sold on
33 campus and on the internet site for the respective institution of
34 higher education.

35 Sec. 7. Section 256.183, subsections 1, 3, 5, and 6, Code

1 2026, are amended by striking the subsections.

2 Sec. 8. Section 256.194, subsections 1 and 2, Code 2026, are
3 amended by striking the subsections.

4 Sec. 9. Section 256.194, subsection 4, Code 2026, is amended
5 to read as follows:

6 4. This section shall not be construed to be a limitation
7 on any of the amounts which may be appropriated by the general
8 assembly ~~for any program enumerated in this section to the~~
9 commission for deposit in the vocational-technical tuition grants
10 fund established in section 256.192, subsection 8.

11 Sec. 10. Section 256.203, subsection 3, Code 2026, is amended
12 to read as follows:

13 3. For purposes of this section "*graduate student*" means a
14 student who has completed at least ninety semester hours, or the
15 trimester or quarter equivalent, of postsecondary course work
16 at a public higher education institution or at an accredited
17 private institution, as defined under section 256.183, Code 2026.
18 "*Underserved area*" means a geographical area included on the
19 Iowa governor's health practitioner shortage area list, which
20 is compiled by the department of health and human services.
21 The commission shall adopt rules, consistent with rules used
22 for students enrolled in higher education institutions under
23 the control of the state board of regents, for purposes of
24 determining Iowa residency status of graduate students under
25 this section. The commission shall also adopt rules which
26 provide standards, guidelines, and procedures for the receipt,
27 processing, and administration of student applications and loans
28 under this section.

29 Sec. 11. Section 256.207, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended
30 to read as follows:

31 1. An eligible postsecondary education institution is an
32 institution of higher education under the state board of regents,
33 a community college, or an accredited private institution
34 as defined in section 256.183, subsection 1, Code 2026.

35 The commission may enter into an agreement with an eligible

1 postsecondary education institution under which the commission
2 will make grants to the institution for the work-study program.

3 Sec. 12. Section 256.210, subsection 1, paragraph d, Code
4 2026, is amended to read as follows:

5 d. Is enrolled as an undergraduate student in a community
6 college as defined in section 260C.2, an institution of higher
7 learning under the control of the board of regents, or an
8 accredited private institution as defined in section 256.183,
9 Code 2026, and is maintaining satisfactory academic progress.

10 Sec. 13. Section 256.210A, subsection 2, paragraph d, Code
11 2026, is amended to read as follows:

12 d. Is enrolled in an educational program that has been
13 approved by the adjutant general and is offered by a community
14 college as defined in section 260C.2, an institution of higher
15 learning under the control of the board of regents, or an
16 accredited private institution as defined in section 256.183,
17 2026.

18 Sec. 14. Section 256.214, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended
19 to read as follows:

20 1. "Accredited private institution" means an institution of
21 higher education as defined in section 256.183, subsection 1,
22 Code 2026.

23 Sec. 15. Section 256.219, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended
24 to read as follows:

25 1. A teacher shortage forgivable loan program is established
26 to be administered by the college student aid commission. An
27 individual is eligible for the forgivable loan program if the
28 individual is a resident of this state who is enrolled as a
29 sophomore, junior, senior, or graduate student in an approved
30 practitioner preparation program in a designated area in which
31 teacher shortages are anticipated at an institution of higher
32 learning under the control of the state board of regents or an
33 accredited private institution as defined in section 256.183,
34 Code 2026.

35 Sec. 16. Section 256.228, subsection 1, paragraph e,

1 unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

2 *"Eligible institution"* means a community college as defined in
3 section 260C.2 or an accredited private institution as defined
4 in section 256.183, Code 2026, that meets all of the following
5 criteria:

6 Sec. 17. Section 256.229, subsection 1, paragraph c,
7 unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

8 *"Eligible institution"* means an institution of higher learning
9 governed by the state board of regents, an accredited private
10 institution as defined in section 256.183, Code 2026, or an
11 approved virtual institution, that meets all of the following
12 criteria:

13 Sec. 18. Section 261B.11, subsection 1, paragraph j, Code
14 2026, is amended to read as follows:

15 j. Higher education institutions that meet the criteria
16 established under section 256.183, subsection 1, Code 2026.

17 Sec. 19. Section 261E.2, subsection 4, Code 2026, is amended
18 to read as follows:

19 4. *"Eligible postsecondary institution"* means an institution
20 of higher learning under the control of the state board of
21 regents, a community college established under chapter 260C, or
22 an accredited private institution as defined in section 256.183,
23 Code 2026.

24 Sec. 20. Section 261G.2, subsection 5, paragraph c, Code
25 2026, is amended to read as follows:

26 c. An accredited private institution as defined in section
27 256.183, Code 2026.

28 Sec. 21. Section 297.24, subsection 3, paragraph h, Code
29 2026, is amended to read as follows:

30 h. An accredited private institution as defined in section
31 256.183, Code 2026.

32 Sec. 22. Section 714.19, subsection 9, Code 2026, is amended
33 to read as follows:

34 9. Private, nonprofit schools that meet the criteria
35 established under section 256.183, subsection 1, Code 2026.

1 remain unencumbered or unobligated as of the effective date of
2 the bill are transferred to the general fund.

3 The bill makes conforming changes and takes effect upon
4 enactment.

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