

House File 2250 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2012)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act authorizing resident students who are admitted to and
2 in attendance in a comprehensive transition and postsecondary
3 program to participate in the Iowa tuition grants program.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **256.184A Students participating in**
2 **a comprehensive transition and postsecondary program.**

3 1. A tuition grant may be awarded to a resident of Iowa who
4 is admitted and in attendance as a student in a comprehensive
5 transition and postsecondary program that has been approved by
6 the United States department of education and that is provided by
7 any of the following:

8 a. An accredited private institution.

9 b. A community college established under chapter 260C.

10 c. An institution of higher learning governed by the state
11 board of regents.

12 2. A resident of Iowa who is admitted and in attendance as a
13 student in a comprehensive transition and postsecondary program
14 described in subsection 1 may receive tuition grants for not
15 more than eight semesters of study, or the trimester or quarter
16 equivalent.

17 3. a. The amount of a tuition grant to a resident of Iowa
18 who is admitted and in attendance as a student in a comprehensive
19 transition and postsecondary program described in subsection 1
20 shall not exceed an amount equivalent to the resident tuition
21 and mandatory fees for two semesters, or the equivalent, of
22 the comprehensive transition and postsecondary program provided
23 by the accredited private institution, community college, or
24 institution of higher learning, as applicable.

25 b. In no case may the state's total financial contribution to
26 the student's education, including financial aid under any other
27 state program, exceed the tuition and mandatory fees associated
28 with the comprehensive transition and postsecondary program that
29 the student attends.

30 4. a. A tuition grant may be made annually for the fall,
31 spring, and summer semesters, or the trimester equivalent.
32 Payments under the grant shall be allocated equally among the
33 semesters or trimesters and shall be paid at the beginning of
34 each semester or trimester upon certification by the accredited
35 private institution, community college, or institution of higher

1 learning governed by the state board of regents, as applicable,
2 that provides the comprehensive transition and postsecondary
3 program to which the student has been admitted and is in
4 attendance.

5 b. If the student discontinues attendance before the end
6 of any semester or trimester after receiving payment under the
7 grant, the entire amount of any refund due that student, up to
8 the amount of any payments made under the annual grant, shall
9 be paid by the accredited private institution, community college,
10 or institution of higher learning governed by the state board of
11 regents, as applicable, to the state.

12 Sec. 2. Section 256.189, subsections 2 and 3, Code 2026, are
13 amended to read as follows:

14 2. The commission may require an accredited private
15 institution, community college, or institution of higher learning
16 governed by the state board of regents to promptly furnish any
17 information which the commission may request in connection with
18 the tuition grant program.

19 3. An Iowa tuition grants fund is established in the state
20 treasury. The fund shall be administered by the commission and
21 shall consist of moneys appropriated by the general assembly
22 and other moneys received by the commission for deposit in
23 the fund. The moneys in the fund are appropriated to the
24 commission for purposes of providing tuition grants to qualified
25 students who are enrolled in accredited private institutions and
26 for purposes of providing tuition grants to students who are
27 admitted and in attendance in a comprehensive transition and
28 postsecondary program described in section 256.184A, subsection

29 1. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys in the fund at the
30 close of the fiscal year shall not revert to the general
31 fund of the state but shall remain available for expenditure
32 for purposes of providing tuition grants to qualified students
33 who are enrolled in accredited private institutions, and to
34 students who are admitted and in attendance in a comprehensive
35 transition and postsecondary program, for subsequent fiscal

1 years. Notwithstanding section 12C.7, subsection 2, interest or
2 earnings on moneys in the fund shall be credited to the fund and
3 are appropriated to the commission for purposes of administering
4 any scholarship or grant program described in this subchapter
5 VII, part 4.

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EXPLANATION

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The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with

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the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

9 This bill authorizes resident students who are admitted to
10 and in attendance in a comprehensive transition and postsecondary
11 program to participate in the Iowa tuition grants program.

12 Under current law, only individuals who are residents of Iowa,
13 who are admitted and in attendance as full-time or part-time
14 students at certain specified accredited private institutions,
15 and who establish financial need are allowed to receive a
16 scholarship under the Iowa tuition grants program, which is
17 administered by the college student aid commission (CSAC). The
18 bill authorizes CSAC to award a tuition grant to a resident
19 of Iowa who is admitted and in attendance as a student in a
20 comprehensive transition and postsecondary program that has been
21 approved by the United States department of education and that
22 is provided by an accredited private institution, a community
23 college, or an institution of higher learning governed by the
24 state board of regents. Such a student may receive tuition
25 grants for not more than eight semesters of study, or the
26 trimester or quarter equivalent. The amount of a tuition grant
27 to the student shall not exceed an amount equivalent to the
28 resident tuition and mandatory fees for two semesters or the
29 equivalent of the comprehensive transition and postsecondary
30 program provided by the accredited private institution, community
31 college, or institution of higher learning, as applicable.

32 The bill provides that a tuition grant to such a student may
33 be made annually for the fall, spring, and summer semesters or
34 the trimester equivalent. Payments under the grant are required
35 to be allocated equally among the semesters or trimesters and

1 to be paid at the beginning of each semester or trimester upon
2 certification by the accredited private institution, community
3 college, or institution of higher learning governed by the state
4 board of regents that provides the comprehensive transition and
5 postsecondary program to which the student has been admitted
6 and is in attendance. If the student discontinues attendance
7 before the end of any semester or trimester after receiving
8 payment under the grant, the entire amount of any refund due that
9 student, up to the amount of any payments made under the annual
10 grant, shall be paid by the accredited private institution,
11 community college, or institution of higher learning governed by
12 the state board of regents to the state.

13 A comprehensive transition and postsecondary program is a
14 degree, certificate, or nondegree program that is offered by
15 a college, career school, or trade school and is designed to
16 support students with intellectual disabilities who want to
17 continue academic, career, and independent living instruction
18 to prepare for gainful employment. A comprehensive transition
19 and postsecondary program must be approved by the United States
20 department of education.

21 The bill makes conforming changes.