

House File 271 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 97)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act establishing the comprehensive transition and
- 2 postsecondary program scholarship program and making
- 3 appropriations.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **256.231 Comprehensive transition**
2 **and postsecondary program scholarship program.**

3 1. If moneys are appropriated by the general assembly for
4 a fiscal year for the purpose provided in this section, the
5 college student aid commission shall, in consultation with the
6 division of vocational rehabilitation services of the department
7 of workforce development, develop and administer a scholarship
8 program to provide scholarships to individuals with intellectual,
9 developmental, or learning disabilities who are at least eighteen
10 years of age and who are enrolled in a comprehensive transition
11 and postsecondary program in this state that has been approved
12 by the United States department of education, to help offset
13 the cost associated with the comprehensive transition and
14 postsecondary program's tuition and fees.

15 2. The amount awarded to an individual under this section
16 shall not exceed five thousand dollars per academic year. An
17 individual must file a new application and submit information as
18 required by the college student aid commission annually on the
19 basis of which the individual's eligibility for a renewed award
20 will be evaluated and determined.

21 3. The college student aid commission, in consultation
22 with the division of vocational rehabilitation services of
23 the department of workforce development, shall establish the
24 evaluation criteria to be used in evaluating applications for
25 scholarships submitted under this section. Priority shall be
26 given to applicants who are residents of Iowa.

27 4. The college student aid commission, in consultation with
28 the division of vocational rehabilitation services of the
29 department of workforce development, shall adopt rules pursuant
30 to chapter 17A to administer this section.

31 5. A comprehensive transition and postsecondary program
32 scholarship program fund is established in the state treasury.
33 The fund shall be administered by the college student aid
34 commission, in consultation with the division of vocational
35 rehabilitation services of the department of workforce

1 development, and shall consist of moneys appropriated by the
2 general assembly and any other moneys received by the college
3 student aid commission for deposit in the fund. The moneys
4 in the fund are appropriated to the college student aid
5 commission for the comprehensive transition and postsecondary
6 program scholarship program. Notwithstanding section 8.33,
7 moneys in the fund at the close of the fiscal year shall
8 not revert to the general fund of the state but shall remain
9 available for expenditure for the comprehensive transition and
10 postsecondary program scholarship program for subsequent fiscal
11 years. Notwithstanding section 12C.7, subsection 2, interest or
12 earnings on moneys in the fund shall be credited to the fund.

13 EXPLANATION

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

16 This bill establishes the comprehensive transition and
17 postsecondary program scholarship program.

18 The bill requires the college student aid commission
19 (commission), in consultation with the division of vocational
20 rehabilitation services of the department of workforce
21 development (IVRS), to develop and administer a scholarship
22 program to provide scholarships to individuals with intellectual,
23 developmental, or learning disabilities who are at least 18 years
24 of age and who are enrolled in a comprehensive transition and
25 postsecondary program in this state that has been approved by the
26 United States department of education, to help offset the cost
27 associated with the comprehensive transition and postsecondary
28 program's tuition and fees, if moneys are appropriated by the
29 general assembly for a fiscal year for this purpose. The
30 bill provides that the amount awarded to an individual under
31 the comprehensive transition and postsecondary program shall not
32 exceed \$5,000 per academic year. The bill requires individuals
33 to apply for the scholarship award annually.

34 The bill requires the commission, in consultation with IVRS,
35 to establish the criteria to be used when evaluating applications

1 for scholarships submitted under the comprehensive transition
2 and postsecondary program scholarship program. The bill also
3 requires the commission to give priority to applicants who are
4 residents of Iowa.

5 The bill requires the commission, in consultation with IVRS,
6 to adopt rules to administer the comprehensive transition and
7 postsecondary program scholarship program.

8 The bill establishes a comprehensive transition and
9 postsecondary program scholarship program fund in the state
10 treasury under the control of the college student aid commission.

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