

Senate File 14 - Introduced

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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.

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

23 4. The college student aid commission, in consultation with
24 the division of vocational rehabilitation services of the
25 department of workforce development, shall adopt rules pursuant
26 to chapter 17A to administer this section.

27 5. A comprehensive transition and postsecondary program
28 scholarship program fund is established in the state treasury.
29 The fund shall be administered by the college student aid
30 commission, in consultation with the division of vocational
31 rehabilitation services of the department of workforce
32 development, and shall consist of moneys appropriated by the
33 general assembly and any other moneys received by the college
34 student aid commission for deposit in the fund. The moneys
35 in the fund are appropriated to the college student aid

1 commission for the comprehensive transition and postsecondary
2 program scholarship program. Notwithstanding section 8.33,
3 moneys in the fund at the close of the fiscal year shall
4 not revert to the general fund of the state but shall remain
5 available for expenditure for the comprehensive transition and
6 postsecondary program scholarship program for subsequent fiscal
7 years. Notwithstanding section 12C.7, subsection 2, interest or
8 earnings on moneys in the fund shall be credited to the fund.

9 EXPLANATION

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

12 This bill establishes the comprehensive transition and
13 postsecondary program scholarship program.

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

29 The bill requires the commission, in consultation with IVRS,
30 to establish the criteria to be used when evaluating applications
31 for scholarships submitted under the comprehensive transition
32 and postsecondary program scholarship program. The bill also
33 requires the commission to give priority to applicants who are
34 residents of Iowa.

35 The bill requires the commission, in consultation with IVRS,

1 to adopt rules to administer the comprehensive transition and
2 postsecondary program scholarship program.

3 The bill establishes a comprehensive transition and
4 postsecondary program scholarship program fund in the state
5 treasury under the control of the college student aid commission.

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