

# Senate File 283 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 14)

## 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.

33 The bill requires the commission, in consultation with IVRS,  
 34 to establish the criteria to be used when evaluating applications  
 35 for scholarships submitted under the comprehensive transition

1 and postsecondary program scholarship program. The bill also  
2 requires the commission to give priority to applicants who are  
3 residents of Iowa.

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

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

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