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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 519)

(As Amended and Passed by the House February 23, 2022)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to matters under the purview of the college
2 student aid commission, including grant programs and the
3 definition of accredited private institutions.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 261.9, subsection 1, unnumbered
2 paragraph 1, Code 2022, is amended to read as follows:

3 *“Accredited private institution”* means an institution of
4 higher learning that was established in Iowa on or before
5 January 1, 2020, that is currently located in Iowa which, that
6 is operated privately and not controlled or administered by any
7 state agency or any subdivision of the state, and which that
8 meets the criteria in paragraphs “a” and “b” and all of the
9 criteria in paragraphs “d” through “i”, except that institutions
10 defined in paragraph “c” of **this subsection** are exempt from the
11 requirements of paragraphs “a” and “b”:

12 Sec. 2. Section 261.110, subsection 3, Code 2022, is amended
13 to read as follows:

14 3. Criteria for eligibility shall be established by the
15 commission and shall include but are not limited to the
16 following:

17 ~~a. The applicant was in the top twenty-five percent~~
18 ~~academically of students exiting a teacher preparation program~~
19 ~~approved by the state board of education pursuant to section~~
20 ~~256.7, subsection 3, or a similar teacher preparation program~~
21 ~~in another state, or had earned other comparable academic~~
22 ~~credentials.~~

23 ~~b. a. The applicant is preparing to teach become a teacher~~
24 ~~who provides classroom instruction in fields including but not~~
25 ~~limited to science, technology, engineering, or mathematics;~~
26 ~~English as a second language or special education instruction;~~
27 ~~or is preparing to teach in a hard-to-staff subject as~~
28 ~~identified by the department. The department shall take~~
29 ~~into account the varying regional needs in the state for~~
30 ~~teachers in these subject areas when applying the criterion~~
31 ~~of this paragraph. The department shall annually identify~~
32 ~~and designate hard-to-staff subjects for the purpose of this~~
33 ~~paragraph. The eligibility of an applicant who receives a~~
34 ~~teach Iowa scholar grant and who is preparing to teach in a~~
35 ~~hard-to-staff subject as identified by the department shall~~

~~1 not be affected in subsequent years if the department does not
2 continue to identify that subject as a hard-to-staff subject
3 any of the following located in this state:~~

- 4 (1) A school district.
- 5 (2) A charter school.
- 6 (3) An area education agency.
- 7 (4) An accredited nonpublic school.

8 ~~*c.*~~ *b.* The applicant met all of the eligibility requirements
9 of **this section** on or after January 1, 2013. A person who met
10 the program eligibility requirements of **this section** prior to
11 January 1, 2013, is ineligible for this program.

12 *c.* On or after July 1, 2022, the total value of grants
13 awarded under this section each year to applicants who are
14 preparing to become teachers who provide classroom instruction
15 in a school district, charter school, area education agency, or
16 an accredited nonpublic school shall be as follows:

17 (1) Fifty percent shall be awarded to applicants preparing
18 to become teachers who provide classroom instruction in a
19 school district, charter school, area education agency, or
20 an accredited nonpublic school, with less than or equal to
21 one thousand two hundred students. However, if the amount
22 requested by applicants pursuant to subparagraph (2) is less
23 than the amount reserved for applicants under subparagraph (2),
24 the commission may award the difference to applicants under
25 this subparagraph.

26 (2) Fifty percent shall be awarded to applicants preparing
27 to become teachers who provide classroom instruction in a
28 school district, charter school, area education agency, or an
29 accredited nonpublic school, with greater than one thousand
30 two hundred students. However, if the amount requested by
31 applicants pursuant to subparagraph (1) is less than the amount
32 reserved for applicants under subparagraph (1), the commission
33 may award the difference to applicants under this subparagraph.