

Workforce Training Bill Senate File 2024

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An Act relating to workforce training programs in community colleges and making appropriations.

**Fiscal Services Division
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NOTES ON BILLS AND AMENDMENTS (NOBA)

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FUNDING SUMMARY

- Appropriates a total of \$20.0 million annually from the General Fund for FY 2013 through FY 2016 to the Gap Tuition Assistance Fund and the College Student Aid Commission.

MAJOR INCREASES, DECREASES, OR TRANSFERS OF EXISTING PROGRAMS

- Creates the Gap Tuition Assistance Fund and appropriates \$2.0 million annually to the Fund from the General Fund for FY 2013 through FY 2016. Requires nonreversion of the funds appropriated until the end of FY 2017. Specifies that interest earned on moneys in the Fund is to be credited to the Fund. Page 1, Line 9
- Appropriates \$18.0 million annually from the General Fund to the College Student Aid Commission for FY 2013 through FY 2016 for purposes of the Skilled Workforce Shortage Tuition Grant Program. The funds do not revert until the end of FY 2017. Page 4, Line 23

SIGNIFICANT CODE CHANGES

- Creates the Skilled Workforce Shortage Tuition Grant Program and specifies the following: Page 1, Line 34
 - Eligibility - Iowa residents who are full- or part-time students in a vocational-technical or career option program at a community college and who establish financial need.
 - Grants are to be awarded only to students enrolled in programs in industries identified as having a shortage of skilled workers.
 - Shortage areas are to be identified by community colleges through regional analysis or by the Department of Workforce Development.
 - Amount of a grant cannot exceed the lesser of one-half of a student's tuition and fees or the amount of the student's financial need.
 - Students must complete coursework within two years or the equivalent of two years for part-time students. Provides for an additional year if additional classes are required. Provides for re-eligibility after a two-year absence with certain limitations.
 - Provides for repayment of funds to the State when a student discontinues attendance before completion of a term.
 - Specifies that any other financial aid received by a student must be considered part of their financial resources for purposes of determining financial need.
 - Requires the College Student Aid Commission to submit an annual report including the number of students receiving assistance and the shortage areas identified.

Senate File 2024 provides for the following changes to the Code of Iowa.

Page #	Line #	Bill Section	Action	Code Section	Description
1	1	1	Add	84A.6.4	
1	9	2	Amend	260I.2	
1	34	3	New	261.130	

1 1 Section 1. Section 84A.6, Code Supplement 2011, is amended
 1 2 by adding the following new subsection:
 1 3 NEW SUBSECTION 4. The department of workforce
 1 4 development, in consultation with the college student aid
 1 5 commission, shall issue a quarterly report identifying
 1 6 industries in which the department finds a shortage of skilled
 1 7 workers in this state for the purposes of the skilled workforce
 1 8 shortage tuition grant program established in section 261.130.

Requires the Department of Workforce Development, in cooperation with the College Student Aid Commission, to issue a quarterly report identifying industries that have a shortage of skilled workers in the state. The report is for purposes of the Skilled Workforce Shortage Tuition Grant Program.

1 9 Sec. 2. Section 260I.2, Code Supplement 2011, is amended to
 1 10 read as follows:
 1 11 260I.2 GAP TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM — FUND
 1 12 — APPROPRIATION .

General Fund appropriation to the Gap Tuition Assistance Fund for the Gap Tuition Assistance Program.

1 13 1. A gap tuition assistance program is established to
 1 14 provide funding to community colleges for need-based tuition
 1 15 assistance to applicants to enable completion of continuing
 1 16 education certificate training programs for in-demand
 1 17 occupations.

DETAIL: This is a new appropriation of \$2,000,000 annually for FY 2013 through FY 2016. Specifies that the aggregate total of grants awarded annually cannot exceed \$2,000,000. Requires nonreversion of the funds appropriated until the end of FY 2017. Specifies that interest earned on the moneys in the Fund is to be credited to the Fund.

1 18 2. There is established for the community colleges a
 1 19 gap tuition assistance fund in the state treasury to be
 1 20 administered by the department of education. There is
 1 21 appropriated from the general fund of the state to the gap
 1 22 tuition assistance fund for each fiscal year until the close
 1 23 of the fiscal year that begins July 1, 2016, the sum of two
 1 24 million dollars for the purpose of implementing the gap tuition
 1 25 assistance program. The aggregate total of grants awarded
 1 26 shall not be more than two million dollars during a fiscal
 1 27 year. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys in the fund at the
 1 28 close of the fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund
 1 29 of the state but shall remain available for expenditure for
 1 30 the purpose designated until the close of the fiscal year that
 1 31 begins July 1, 2016. Notwithstanding section 12C.7, subsection
 1 32 2, interest or earnings on moneys in the fund shall be credited
 1 33 to the fund.

1 34 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION 261.130 SKILLED WORKFORCE SHORTAGE
 1 35 TUITION GRANT PROGRAM — APPROPRIATION.

2 1 1. A skilled workforce shortage tuition grant may be awarded
 2 2 to any resident of Iowa who is admitted and in attendance as
 2 3 a full-time or part-time student in a vocational-technical
 2 4 or career option program to pursue an associate's degree or
 2 5 other training at a community college in the state, and who
 2 6 establishes financial need.

Specifies that Skilled Workforce Shortage Tuition Grants may be awarded to those meeting the following requirements:

- Iowa resident.
- Full- or part-time student.
- Enrolled in a vocational-technical or career option program at a community college.
- Demonstrates financial need.

2 7 2. Skilled workforce shortage tuition grants shall be
 2 8 awarded only to students pursuing a vocational-technical or
 2 9 career option program in an industry identified as having
 2 10 a shortage of skilled workers by a community college after
 2 11 conducting a regional skills gap analysis or by the department
 2 12 of workforce development in the department's most recent
 2 13 quarterly report pursuant to section 84A.6, subsection 4.

Requires awards to be given only to students enrolled in programs in industries identified as having a shortage of skilled workers. Shortage areas are to be identified by community colleges after conducting regional analysis of skills gaps or by the Department of Workforce Development.

2 14 3. The amount of a skilled workforce shortage tuition grant
 2 15 shall not exceed the lesser of one-half of a student's tuition
 2 16 and fees for an approved vocational-technical or career option
 2 17 program or the amount of the student's established financial
 2 18 need.

Specifies that the amount of a grant cannot exceed the lesser of one-half of a student's tuition and fees or the amount of the student's established financial need.

2 19 4. All classes identified by the community college
 2 20 as required for completion of the student's approved
 2 21 vocational-technical or career option program shall be
 2 22 considered a part of the student's vocational-technical or
 2 23 career option program for the purpose of determining the
 2 24 student's eligibility for a grant. Notwithstanding subsection
 2 25 5, if a student is making satisfactory academic progress but
 2 26 the student cannot complete a vocational-technical or career
 2 27 option program in the time frame allowed for a student to
 2 28 receive a skilled workforce shortage tuition grant as provided
 2 29 in subsection 5 because additional classes are required to
 2 30 complete the program, the student may continue to receive a
 2 31 skilled workforce shortage tuition grant for not more than one
 2 32 additional enrollment period.

Specifies that a student's program includes all classes identified by the community college as required for completion of the program. Provides an exception to the requirements for completion of the program within a two-year-equivalent time period if additional classes are required to complete the program.

2 33 5. a. A qualified full-time student may receive skilled
 2 34 workforce shortage tuition grants for not more than four
 2 35 semesters or the trimester or quarter equivalent of two full
 3 1 years of study. A qualified part-time student enrolled in a
 3 2 course of study including at least three semester hours but
 3 3 fewer than twelve semester hours or the trimester or quarter
 3 4 equivalent may receive skilled workforce shortage tuition
 3 5 grants for not more than eight semesters or the trimester or
 3 6 quarter equivalent of two full years of full-time study.
 3 7 b. However, if a student resumes study after at least a
 3 8 two-year absence, the student may again be eligible for the
 3 9 specified amount of time, except that the student shall not
 3 10 receive assistance for courses for which credit was previously
 3 11 received.

Specifies that a full-time student may receive grants for no more than four semesters or the equivalent of two full years of study. Specifies that a part-time student taking the equivalent of at least three semester hours and less than 12 semester hours may receive grants for no more than eight semesters or the equivalent of two full years of study.

Specifies that, after at least a two-year absence, a student may resume study and again be eligible for grants for the specified amount of time but cannot receive assistance for courses for which credit was previously received.

3 12 6. A skilled workforce shortage tuition grant shall be
 3 13 awarded on an annual basis, requiring reapplication by the
 3 14 student for each year. Payments under the grant shall be
 3 15 allocated equally among the semesters or quarters of the year

Specifies that grants are awarded on an annual basis and require reapplication by the student each year. Payments are to be allocated equally among semesters or terms upon certification by the community college that the student is in attendance consistent with the

3 16 upon certification by the community college that the student is
 3 17 in full-time or part-time attendance in a vocational-technical
 3 18 or career option program consistent with the requirements of
 3 19 this section. If the student discontinues attendance before
 3 20 the end of any term after receiving payment of the grant, the
 3 21 entire amount of any refund due that student, up to the amount
 3 22 of any payments made under the annual grant, shall be paid by
 3 23 the community college to the state.

requirements of this statute.

Specifies that the community college must pay to the State any amounts allocated to a student that discontinues attendance before the end of a term.

3 24 7. If a student receives financial aid under any other
 3 25 program, the full amount of that financial aid shall be
 3 26 considered part of the student's financial resources available
 3 27 in determining the amount of the student's financial need for
 3 28 that period.

Requires any other financial aid received by the student to be considered part of the student's financial resources when determining financial need.

3 29 8. The commission shall administer this program and shall:
 3 30 a. Provide application forms for distribution to students by
 3 31 Iowa high schools and community colleges.
 3 32 b. Adopt rules for approving vocational-technical or career
 3 33 option programs in industries identified by the department of
 3 34 workforce development pursuant to section 84A.6, subsection 4;
 3 35 determining financial need; defining residence for the purposes
 4 1 of this section; processing and approving applications for
 4 2 grants; and determining priority for grants.
 4 3 c. Approve and award grants on an annual basis.
 4 4 d. Make an annual report to the governor and general
 4 5 assembly. The report shall include the number of students
 4 6 receiving assistance and the industries identified by
 4 7 the community colleges and by the department of workforce
 4 8 development pursuant to section 84A.6, subsection 4, for which
 4 9 students were admitted to a vocational-technical or career
 4 10 option program.

Specifies the duties of the College Student Aid Commission in administering the program, including making an annual report to the Governor and General Assembly. The report must include the number of students awarded grants and the industries identified as shortage areas.

4 11 9. Each applicant, in accordance with the rules established
 4 12 by the commission, shall:
 4 13 a. Complete and file an application for a skilled workforce
 4 14 shortage tuition grant.
 4 15 b. Be responsible for the submission of the financial
 4 16 information required for evaluation of the applicant's need for
 4 17 a grant, on forms determined by the commission.
 4 18 c. Report promptly to the commission any information
 4 19 requested.
 4 20 d. Submit a new application for reevaluation of the
 4 21 applicant's eligibility to receive a second-year renewal of the
 4 22 grant.

Specifies the duties of applicants for Skilled Workforce Shortage Tuition Grants.

4 23 10. There is appropriated from the general fund of the
 4 24 state to the commission for each fiscal year until the close

General Fund appropriation to the College Student Aid Commission for the Skilled Workforce Shortage Tuition Grant Program.

4 25 of the fiscal year that begins July 1, 2016, the sum of
4 26 eighteen million dollars for the skilled workforce shortage
4 27 tuition grant program. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys
4 28 appropriated in this subsection that remain unencumbered or
4 29 unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert
4 30 but shall remain available for expenditure for the purposes
4 31 designated until the close of the fiscal year that begins July
4 32 1, 2016.

DETAIL: This is a new appropriation of \$18,000,000 annually from FY 2013 through FY 2016. The funds appropriated do not revert until the end of FY 2017.

Summary Data

General Fund

	<u>Actual FY 2011 (1)</u>	<u>Estimated FY 2012 (2)</u>	<u>Senate Approp FY 2013 (3)</u>	<u>Senate Approp vs. Est 2012 (4)</u>	<u>Page and Line # (5)</u>
Education	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 20,000,000	\$ 20,000,000	
Grand Total	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 20,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 20,000,000</u>	

Education General Fund

	Actual FY 2011 <u>(1)</u>	Estimated FY 2012 <u>(2)</u>	Senate Approp FY 2013 <u>(3)</u>	Senate Approp vs. Est 2012 <u>(4)</u>	Page and Line # <u>(5)</u>
<u>College Aid Commission</u>					
College Student Aid Comm.					
Skilled Workforce Shortage Tuition Grant	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 18,000,000	\$ 18,000,000	
Total College Aid Commission	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 18,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 18,000,000</u>	
<u>Education, Dept. of</u>					
Education, Dept. of					
Gap Tuition Assistance Fund	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	
Total Education, Dept. of	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 2,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,000,000</u>	
Total Education	<u><u>\$ 0</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 0</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 20,000,000</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 20,000,000</u></u>	