HOUSE FILE 2083
BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 519)

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

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A BILL FOR

* [An Act relating to matters under the purview of the college student aid commission, including grant programs and the definition of accredited private institutions.]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) A school district.

(2) A charter school.

(3) An area education agency.

(4) An accredited nonpublic school.

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

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

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

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