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## HOUSE BILL No. 1528

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DIGEST OF HB 1528 (Updated February 8, 2023 4:33 pm - DI 125)

**Citations Affected:** IC 21-12.

**Synopsis:** Transition to teaching. Provides that an individual enrolled in a transition to teaching program may apply for a one time scholarship under the next generation Hoosier educators scholarship program. Requires an applicant to possess a baccalaureate degree, agree to obtain an initial practitioner license, and teach at a qualifying school for five years. Provides that the maximum amount of a scholarship is \$10,000. Provides that the total annual amount of scholarships awarded from the next generation Hoosier educators scholarship fund to individuals enrolled in an alternative teacher certification program may not exceed \$1,000,000. Requires that an awarded scholarship must be repaid under certain conditions.

**Effective:** July 1, 2023.

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### Heine, Jordan, Goodrich, Klinker

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January 19, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.  
February 2, 2023, amended, reported — Do Pass. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means pursuant to Rule 127.  
February 9, 2023, amended, reported — Do Pass.

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First Regular Session of the 123rd General Assembly (2023)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2022 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

## HOUSE BILL No. 1528

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning higher education.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1       SECTION 1. IC 21-12-16-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.63-2021,  
2       SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3       JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 5. (a) An applicant who is enrolled in an  
4       accredited postsecondary educational institution after June 30, 2017,  
5       may qualify for a scholarship under this ~~chapter~~ **section**. To qualify for  
6       a scholarship, an applicant must:

7               (1) apply for a scholarship on a form supplied by the commission;

8               (2) except as provided in subsection (b), have graduated from an  
9       Indiana nonaccredited nonpublic or state accredited high school  
10      accredited under IC 20-31-4.1 and:

11              (A) graduated in the highest twenty percent (20%) of students  
12              in the applicant's high school graduating class;

13              (B) received a score in the top twentieth percentile on the SAT  
14              or ACT examination; or

15              (C) achieved a cumulative grade point average upon  
16              graduation of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 grading scale (or its  
17              equivalent if another grading scale is used) for courses taken

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- 1 during grades 9, 10, 11, and 12;
- 2 (3) have participated in school activities and community service
- 3 activities during high school;
- 4 (4) have applied to and been accepted for enrollment in an
- 5 accredited postsecondary educational institution approved by the
- 6 commission under section 10 of this chapter;
- 7 (5) agree in writing to:
  - 8 (A) obtain a license to teach under IC 20-28-5; and
  - 9 (B) teach for at least five (5) consecutive years in a public
  - 10 school or an eligible school (as defined in IC 20-51-1-4.7) in
  - 11 Indiana after graduating with a baccalaureate degree from the
  - 12 accredited postsecondary educational institution described in
  - 13 subdivision (4); and
  - 14 (6) meet any other criteria established by the commission.
- 15 (b) A student who graduates from a nonaccredited nonpublic school
- 16 must meet the requirement described in subsection (a)(2)(B) in order
- 17 to meet the eligibility requirement described in subsection (a)(2).
- 18 SECTION 2. IC 21-12-16-5.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
- 19 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 20 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: **Sec. 5.5. An applicant who is enrolled**
- 21 **in a transition to teaching program after June 30, 2023, may**
- 22 **qualify for a scholarship under section 8.5 of this chapter. To**
- 23 **qualify for a scholarship, an applicant must:**
  - 24 (1) be employed by a school corporation in Indiana;
  - 25 (2) apply for a scholarship on a form supplied by the
  - 26 commission;
  - 27 (3) possess a baccalaureate degree from an accredited
  - 28 postsecondary four (4) year institution;
  - 29 (4) have enrolled in a transition to teaching program
  - 30 described in IC 20-28-4;
  - 31 (5) agree in writing to:
    - 32 (A) complete a transition to teaching program described in
    - 33 IC 20-28-4 and obtain an initial practitioner license under
    - 34 IC 20-28-4-6; and
    - 35 (B) teach for at least five (5) consecutive years in a public
    - 36 school or an eligible school (as defined in IC 20-51-1-4.7) in
    - 37 Indiana after obtaining the initial practitioner license
    - 38 under IC 20-28-4-6; and
    - 39 (6) meet any other criteria established by the commission.
- 40 SECTION 3. IC 21-12-16-7, AS ADDED BY P.L.105-2016,
- 41 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 42 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 7. Before receiving a scholarship under this



chapter, the applicant must enter into a contract with the commission agreeing to:

- (1) the terms and conditions described in section 5(a)(5) **or 5.5(4)** of this chapter, **as applicable**; and
- (2) any other terms and conditions established by the commission.

SECTION 4. IC 21-12-16-8, AS ADDED BY P.L.105-2016, SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 8. (a) Subject to subsections (b) and (c), if an applicant meets the requirements under **section 5 of** this chapter, the commission may award, for not more than four (4) academic years, a scholarship to the applicant in an amount of seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500) for each academic year that the applicant attends the accredited postsecondary educational institution approved by the commission under section 10 of this chapter.

(b) The commission may not do the following:

- (1) Award a scholarship under **section 5 of** this chapter in an amount of more than a total of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to an individual applicant.
- (2) Award scholarships under **section 5 of** this chapter to more than two hundred (200) new applicants each academic year.

(c) If the total amount to be distributed from the fund in a state fiscal year exceeds the amount available for distribution, the amount to be distributed to each eligible applicant shall be proportionately reduced so that the total reductions equal the amount of the excess.

SECTION 5. IC 21-12-16-8.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: **Sec. 8.5. (a) Subject to subsection (b), if an applicant meets the requirements under section 5.5 of this chapter, the commission may award a one (1) time nonrenewable scholarship to the applicant in an amount of up to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for transition to teaching program and initial practitioner licensure costs under IC 20-28-4.**

**(b) The total annual amount of scholarships awarded by the commission under this section may not exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000). If the total amount of scholarships exceeds the limit under this subsection, the commission shall reduce the scholarships awarded under subsection (a) in a manner prescribed by the commission.**

SECTION 6. IC 21-12-16-10, AS ADDED BY P.L.105-2016, SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 10. (a) The commission may not award a scholarship under **section 5 of** this chapter to an applicant unless the



applicant has applied to and been accepted for enrollment in an accredited postsecondary educational institution approved by the commission under this section.

(b) The commission shall establish standards for teacher education that an accredited postsecondary educational institution must meet to receive approval by the commission under this section, including the:

- (1) information an accredited postsecondary educational institution is required to submit to the commission regarding the institution's teacher education program; and
- (2) criteria and standards for approval.

SECTION 7. IC 21-12-16-11, AS ADDED BY P.L.105-2016, SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 11. (a) An individual who:

- (1) received a scholarship under **section 5** of this chapter;
- (2) is no longer enrolled in an accredited postsecondary educational institution approved by the commission under section 10 of this chapter; and
- (3) did not receive a baccalaureate degree from an accredited postsecondary educational institution approved by the commission under section 10 of this chapter;

shall repay the amount of the scholarship awarded to the individual under this chapter in a timely fashion, as determined by the commission.

(b) An individual who:

- (1) received a scholarship under **section 5.5** of this chapter;
- (2) is no longer enrolled in a transition to teaching program under IC 20-28-4; and
- (3) did not receive an initial practitioner license after completing a transition to teaching program described in IC 20-28-4;

shall repay the amount of the scholarship awarded to the individual under this chapter in a timely fashion, as determined by the commission.

SECTION 8. IC 21-12-16-12, AS ADDED BY P.L.105-2016, SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 12. (a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c), if an individual:

- (1) receives a scholarship under **section 5 or 5.5** of this chapter; and
- (2) fails to teach in a public school or an eligible school (as defined in IC 20-51-1-4.7) in Indiana for at least five (5) consecutive years as described in section 5(a)(5) **or 5.5(4)** of this



1 chapter, **as applicable**;  
2 the individual shall repay the total amount of the scholarship awarded  
3 to the individual under this chapter in a timely fashion. The total  
4 amount that an individual is required to repay shall be reduced by  
5 twenty percent (20%), as determined by the commission, for each  
6 consecutive year the individual teaches at a public school or eligible  
7 school (as defined in IC 20-51-1-4.7).

8 (b) The commission may extend the length of time in which an  
9 individual must complete the requirements of an agreement described  
10 in section 5(a)(5) **or 5.5(4)** of this chapter if the individual submits a  
11 petition to the commission in a manner prescribed by the commission  
12 and the commission makes a determination that extenuating  
13 circumstances, as determined by the commission, prevented the  
14 individual from timely meeting the requirements described in section  
15 5(a)(5) **or 5.5(4)** of this chapter, **as applicable**.

16 (c) The commission may waive repayment under subsection (a) if  
17 the individual has been declared to be totally and permanently disabled  
18 under 34 CFR 685.213.

19 (d) The commission may enter into an agreement with the  
20 department of state revenue established by IC 6-8.1-2-1 or another third  
21 party vendor to assist in the enforcement of subsection (a) and section  
22 11 of this chapter.



## COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Education, to which was referred House Bill 1528, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 2, line 22, delete "this section." and insert "**section 8.5 of this chapter.**".

Page 3, delete lines 32 through 36, begin a new paragraph and insert:

**"(b) The total annual amount of scholarships awarded by the commission under this section may not exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000). If the total amount of scholarships exceeds the limit under this subsection, the commission shall reduce the scholarships awarded under subsection (a) in a manner prescribed by the commission."**

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1528 as introduced.)

BEHNING

Committee Vote: yeas 13, nays 0.

## COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred House Bill 1528, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 2, line 21, delete "an alternative teacher certification" and insert "**a transition to teaching**".

Page 2, between lines 23 and 24, begin a new line block indented and insert:

**"(1) be employed by a school corporation in Indiana;"**

Page 2, line 24, delete "(1)" and insert "**(2)**".

Page 2, line 26, delete "(2)" and insert "**(3)**".

Page 2, line 28, delete "(3)" and insert "**(4)**".

Page 2, line 28, delete "an alternative teacher certification" and insert "**a transition to teaching program described in IC 20-28-4;**".

Page 2, delete line 29.

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Page 2, line 30, delete "(4)" and insert **"(5)"**.

Page 2, line 31, delete "an alternative teacher certification" and insert **"a transition to teaching"**.

Page 2, line 32, delete "IC 20-28-5-12.5" and insert **"IC 20-28-4"**.

Page 2, line 33, delete "IC 20-28-5-12.5;" and insert **"IC 20-28-4-6;"**.

Page 2, line 37, delete "IC 20-28-5-12.5;" and insert **"IC 20-28-4-6;"**.

Page 2, line 38, delete "(5)" and insert **"(6)"**.

Page 3, line 30, delete "alternative teacher certification" and insert **"transition to teaching"**.

Page 3, line 31, delete "IC 20-28-5-12.5." and insert **"IC 20-28-4."**.

Page 4, line 25, delete "an alternative teacher certification" and insert **"a transition to teaching"**.

Page 4, line 26, delete "IC 20-28-5-12.5;" and insert **"IC 20-28-4;"**.

Page 4, line 28, delete "an alternative teacher certification" and insert **"a transition to teaching"**.

Page 4, line 29, delete "IC 20-28-5-12.5;" and insert **"IC 20-28-4;"**.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1528 Digest Correction as printed February 2, 2023.)

THOMPSON

Committee Vote: yeas 24, nays 0.

