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HOUSE BILL No. 1528

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DIGEST OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Postsecondary institutions. Provides that an applicant must enroll in and complete an alternative teacher certification program directed by a postsecondary institution to qualify for certain scholarships.

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
8 commission;
9 (2) except as provided in subsection (b), have graduated from an
10 Indiana nonaccredited nonpublic or state accredited high school
11 accredited under IC 20-31-4.1 and:
12 (A) graduated in the highest twenty percent (20%) of
13 students in the applicant's high school graduating class;
14 (B) received a score in the top twentieth percentile on the
15 SAT or ACT examination; or
16 (C) achieved a cumulative grade point average upon
17 graduation of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 grading scale (or its
18 equivalent if another grading scale is used) for courses
19 taken during grades 9, 10, 11, and 12;
20 (3) have participated in school activities and community service

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activities during high school;

(4) have applied to and been accepted for enrollment in an accredited postsecondary educational institution approved by the commission under section 10 of this chapter;

(5) agree in writing to:

(A) obtain a license to teach under IC 20-28-5; and

(B) teach for at least five (5) consecutive years in a public school or an eligible school (as defined in IC 20-51-1-4.7) in Indiana after graduating with a baccalaureate degree from the accredited postsecondary educational institution described in subdivision (4); and

(6) meet any other criteria established by the commission.

(b) A student who graduates from a nonaccredited nonpublic school must meet the requirement described in subsection (a)(2)(B) in order to meet the eligibility requirement described in subsection (a)(2).

SECTION 2. IC 21-12-16-5.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: **Sec. 5.5. An applicant who is enrolled in an alternative teacher certification program after June 30, 2023, may qualify for a scholarship under section 8.5 of this chapter. To qualify for a scholarship, an applicant must:**

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

(2) possess a baccalaureate degree from an accredited postsecondary four (4) year institution;

(3) have enrolled in an alternative teacher certification program ~~<described in>~~[under] IC 20-28-5-12.5[that is directed by a postsecondary institution];

(4) agree in writing to:

(A) complete an alternative teacher certification program ~~<described in>~~[under] IC 20-28-5-12.5[that is directed by a postsecondary institution] and obtain an initial practitioner license under IC 20-28-5-12.5; and

(B) teach for at least five (5) consecutive years in a public school or an eligible school (as defined in IC 20-51-1-4.7) in Indiana after obtaining the initial practitioner license under IC 20-28-5-12.5; and

(5) meet any other criteria established by the commission.

SECTION 3. IC 21-12-16-7, AS ADDED BY P.L.105-2016, SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 7. Before receiving a scholarship under this chapter, the applicant must enter into a contract with the commission

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1 agreeing to:

- 2 (1) the terms and conditions described in section 5(a)(5) or
 3 **5.5(4)** of this chapter, **as applicable**; and
 4 (2) any other terms and conditions established by the
 5 commission.

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

15 (b) The commission may not do the following:

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

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

25 SECTION 5. IC 21-12-16-8.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 26 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 27 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: **Sec. 8.5. (a) Subject to subsection (b),**
 28 **if an applicant meets the requirements under section 5.5 of this**
 29 **chapter, the commission may award a one (1) time nonrenewable**
 30 **scholarship to the applicant in an amount of up to ten thousand**
 31 **dollars (\$10,000) for alternative teacher certification program and**
 32 **initial practitioner licensure costs under IC 20-28-5-12.5.**

33 (b) The total annual amount of scholarships awarded by the
 34 commission under this section may not exceed one million dollars
 35 (\$1,000,000). If the total amount of scholarships exceeds the limit
 36 under this subsection, the commission shall reduce the scholarships
 37 awarded under subsection (a) in a manner prescribed by the
 38 commission.

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

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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 an alternative teacher certification program under IC 20-28-5-12.5; and

(3) did not receive an initial practitioner license after completing an alternative teacher certification program described in IC 20-28-5-12.5;

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

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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. [\[](#)
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