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## HOUSE BILL No. 1528

Proposed Changes to February 2, 2023 printing by AM152804

### DIGEST OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Transition to teaching program. Replaces references to an alternative teacher certification program with references to a transition to teaching program.

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>~~ [a transition to teaching] 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) be employed by a school corporation in Indiana;**

**[ (~~1~~) (2) apply for a scholarship on a form supplied by the commission;**

**(~~2~~) (3) possess a baccalaureate degree from an accredited postsecondary four (4) year institution;**

**(~~3~~) (4) have enrolled in ~~<an alternative teacher certification>~~ [a transition to teaching] program described in ~~<IC 20-28-5-12.5>~~ [IC 20-28-4];**

**(~~4~~) (5) agree in writing to:**

**(A) complete ~~<an alternative teacher certification>~~ [a transition to teaching] program described in ~~<IC 20-28-5-12.5>~~ [IC 20-28-4] and obtain an initial practitioner license under ~~<IC 20-28-5-12.5>~~ [IC 20-28-4-6]; 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>~~ [IC 20-28-4-6]; and**

**(~~5~~) (6) meet any other criteria established by the**

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1 **commission.**

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

7 (1) the terms and conditions described in section 5(a)(5) **or**  
8 **5.5(4)** of this chapter, **as applicable**; and

9 (2) any other terms and conditions established by the  
10 commission.

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

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

21 (1) Award a scholarship under **section 5** of this chapter in an  
22 amount of more than a total of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000)  
23 to an individual applicant.

24 (2) Award scholarships under **section 5** of this chapter to more  
25 than two hundred (200) new applicants each academic year.

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

30 SECTION 5. IC 21-12-16-8.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
31 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
32 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 8.5. (a) Subject to subsection (b),  
33 if an applicant meets the requirements under section 5.5 of this  
34 chapter, the commission may award a one (1) time nonrenewable  
35 scholarship to the applicant in an amount of up to ten thousand  
36 dollars (\$10,000) for ~~alternative teacher certification~~ transition  
37 to teaching program and initial practitioner licensure costs under  
38 ~~IC 20-28-5-12.5~~ IC 20-28-4.

39 (b) The total annual amount of scholarships awarded by the  
40 commission under this section may not exceed one million dollars  
41 (\$1,000,000). If the total amount of scholarships exceeds the limit  
42 under this subsection, the commission shall reduce the scholarships

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1 awarded under subsection (a) in a manner prescribed by the  
2 commission.

3 SECTION 6. IC 21-12-16-10, AS ADDED BY P.L.105-2016,  
4 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
5 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 10. (a) The commission may not award a  
6 scholarship under **section 5** of this chapter to an applicant unless the  
7 applicant has applied to and been accepted for enrollment in an  
8 accredited postsecondary educational institution approved by the  
9 commission under this section.

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

13 (1) information an accredited postsecondary educational  
14 institution is required to submit to the commission regarding the  
15 institution's teacher education program; and

16 (2) criteria and standards for approval.

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

20 (1) received a scholarship under **section 5** of this chapter;

21 (2) is no longer enrolled in an accredited postsecondary  
22 educational institution approved by the commission under  
23 section 10 of this chapter; and

24 (3) did not receive a baccalaureate degree from an accredited  
25 postsecondary educational institution approved by the  
26 commission under section 10 of this chapter;

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

30 (b) An individual who:

31 (1) received a scholarship under **section 5.5** of this chapter;

32 (2) is no longer enrolled in ~~an alternative teacher~~  
33 ~~certification~~ a transition to teaching program under  
34 ~~IC 20-28-5-12.5~~ IC 20-28-4; and

35 (3) did not receive an initial practitioner license after  
36 completing ~~an alternative teacher certification~~ a  
37 transition to teaching program described in  
38 ~~IC 20-28-5-12.5~~ IC 20-28-4;

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

42 SECTION 8. IC 21-12-16-12, AS ADDED BY P.L.105-2016,

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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  
chapter, **as applicable**;

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

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

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

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

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