

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

LS 6134
BILL NUMBER: HB 1071

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 4, 2025
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Twenty-first Century Scholarship Eligibility.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Moseley
FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that the Commission for Higher Education (CHE) may allow a student who does not meet full-time enrollment or credit hour requirements under the Twenty-First Century Scholars program to be eligible or to maintain eligibility for a Twenty-First Century scholarship award if the student is a student with a disability and meets certain other requirements. It also provides that a scholarship may be renewed for the student for the number of academic terms that constitute eight undergraduate academic years. It makes conforming changes.

Effective Date: July 1, 2026.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill expands eligibility for a Twenty-first Century Scholarship award to certain students who are enrolled in an undergraduate program less than full-time. The bill provides that the maximum potential award amount per student will not change. This could increase annual award expenditures for students with disabilities who would not be eligible under current law due to the credit hour requirements. However, it could also decrease annual expenditures in the short term for current scholarship recipients with disabilities that switch to part-time enrollment. For this reason, the overall impact on expenditures is currently indeterminable.

The bill will also result in a workload increase for CHE to make administrative changes to the program and review student petitions as prescribed in the bill, but should be able to be implemented with existing resources.

Additional Information: In FY 2025, \$166.3M was appropriated for the Twenty-first Century Scholarship program, and a total of \$145.6 M in financial aid was distributed to 16,166 students. This annual appropriation is fixed through FY 2027.

Beginning in FY 2029, the program is anticipated to have increased enrollment due to changes from HEA 1449-2023, which automatically enrolls financially eligible 7th and 8th grade students in the program. The provisions in this bill could have a greater impact beginning at that time as overall participation numbers increase.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Commission for Higher Education.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

[https://www.in.gov/che/reports-and-analyses/#State Financial Aid](https://www.in.gov/che/reports-and-analyses/#State_Financial_Aid);

<https://learnmoreindiana.org/scholars/enrollment-eligibility/>.

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