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HOUSE BILL No. 1867

DIGEST OF HB 1867 (Updated March 1, 1999 1:07 pm - DI 73)

Citations Affected: IC 20-12; IC 21-3.

Synopsis: Honors scholarships. Establishes the academic honors diploma scholarship program to provide an \$2,500 tuition scholarship at institutions of higher learning to students who graduate from high school with an academic honors diploma and meet certain requirements. Provides that the \$800 academic honors diploma award that a school corporation currently receives for each student who graduates with an academic honors diploma may be used by the school corporation to pay for the costs incurred by the school corporation in providing academic honors curriculum.

Effective: July 1, 1999.

Kersey, Avery, Cheney, Welch

January 26, 1999, read first time and referred to Committee on Ways and Means.
March 1, 1999, amended, reported — Do Pass.

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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.

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

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

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 20-12-21-22 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: **Sec. 22. (a) As used in this section,**
4 **"scholarship" refers to an academic honors diploma scholarship**
5 **established by this section.**
6 **(b) There is established the academic honors diploma**
7 **scholarship program. The commission shall administer the**
8 **program.**
9 **(c) The commission shall do the following:**
10 **(1) Provide a two thousand five hundred dollar (\$2,500)**
11 **tuition scholarship to each student in the graduating class of**
12 **a school corporation or an accredited nonpublic school who**
13 **does the following:**
14 **(A) Successfully completes an academic honors diploma**
15 **program, as certified by the school corporation or the**
16 **accredited nonpublic school.**
17 **(B) Enrolls in and incurs an obligation to pay tuition to an**

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- 1 approved institution of higher learning (as defined in
2 IC 20-12-22.1-3).
3 (C) Achieves a Standard Achievement Test (SAT) score of
4 at least 1,250.
5 (D) Achieves a cumulative grade point average of at least
6 3.25 on a 4.0 grading scale.
- 7 (2) Pay the amount of the scholarship directly to the
8 institution where the scholarship recipient is enrolled for
9 credit against the student's tuition obligation.
- 10 (d) The commission may not do the following:
11 (1) Reduce the amount of a student's scholarship because the
12 student receives another award under this chapter.
13 (2) Renew a scholarship.
- 14 (e) The commission shall pay the costs of the scholarships from
15 appropriations from the lottery and gaming surplus account of the
16 build Indiana fund established under IC 4-30-17 for purposes of
17 the scholarship program.
- 18 SECTION 2. IC 21-3-1.7-9.8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
19 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 9.8. (a) In addition to
20 the distributions under sections 8, 9.5, and 9.7 of this chapter, a school
21 corporation is eligible for an **academic** honors diploma award in the
22 amount determined under STEP TWO of the following formula:
23 STEP ONE: Determine the number of the school corporation's
24 eligible pupils who successfully completed an academic honors
25 diploma program in the school year ending in the previous
26 calendar year.
27 STEP TWO: Multiply the STEP ONE amount by eight hundred
28 dollars (\$800).
- 29 (b) Each year the governing body of a school corporation may use
30 the money that the school corporation receives for an **academic** honors
31 diploma award under this section to ~~give eight hundred dollars (\$800)~~
32 ~~to each eligible pupil in the school corporation who successfully~~
33 ~~completes an academic honors diploma program in the school year~~
34 ~~ending in the previous calendar year: pay the cost incurred by the~~
35 ~~school corporation in providing the academic honors curriculum.~~

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred House Bill 1867, 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:

Delete the title and insert the following:

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Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

(SEE TEXT OF BILL)

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1867 as introduced.)

BAUER, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 23, nays 0.

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