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# ENGROSSED SENATE BILL No. 246

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

**Synopsis:** Academic honors scholarships. Provides a \$500 state honors scholarship to pupils who have successfully completed an academic honors diploma program, have an SAT score of at least 1200, have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 grading scale, and do not have a grade below a C in any course required to obtain an honors diploma. Allows a school corporation to give \$500 of the \$925 received by the corporation as an academic honors diploma award to pupils eligible for the state honors scholarship. Includes a transitional provision that allows a school corporation to make awards that have been promised to students currently in high school.

**Effective:** Upon passage; July 1, 2000.

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January 10, 2000, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.  
January 20, 2000, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.  
January 24, 2000, read second time, ordered engrossed.  
January 25, 2000, engrossed.  
January 27, 2000, read third time, passed. Yeas 48, nays 0.

HOUSE ACTION

February 7, 2000, read first time and referred to Committee on Ways and Means.  
February 17, 2000, amended, reported — Do Pass.  
February 21, 2000, read second time, amended, ordered engrossed.

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## ENGROSSED SENATE BILL No. 246

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

*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, 2000]: **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 tuition scholarship in the amount determined**  
11 **under subsection (d) to each Indiana resident student in the**  
12 **graduating class of a school corporation or an accredited**  
13 **nonpublic school who 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 an SAT score of at least one thousand two  
4 hundred (1,200) or its equivalent.
- 5 (D) Achieves a cumulative grade point average of at least  
6 3.5 on a 4.0 grading scale.
- 7 (E) Does not have a grade below a C in any course  
8 required to obtain an honors diploma.
- 9 (2) Pay the amount of the scholarship directly to the  
10 institution where the scholarship recipient is enrolled for  
11 credit against the student's tuition obligation.
- 12 (d) The award under this chapter is five hundred dollars (\$500).
- 13 (e) The commission may not do the following:
- 14 (1) Reduce the amount of a student's scholarship because the  
15 student receives another award under this chapter.
- 16 (2) Consider the scholarship under this section in determining  
17 whether to grant another award under this chapter or  
18 determining the amount of another award under this chapter.
- 19 (3) Renew a scholarship.
- 20 (f) The commission shall pay the costs of the scholarships from  
21 appropriations made specifically to provide scholarships under this  
22 section.
- 23 SECTION 2. IC 21-3-1.7-9.8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.273-1999,  
24 SECTION 141, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
25 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2000]: Sec. 9.8. (a) In addition to the  
26 distributions under sections 8, 9.5, and 9.7 of this chapter, a school  
27 corporation is eligible for an **academic** honors diploma award in the  
28 amount determined under STEP TWO of the following formula:
- 29 STEP ONE: Determine the number of the school corporation's  
30 eligible pupils who successfully completed an academic honors  
31 diploma program in the school year ending in the previous  
32 calendar year.
- 33 STEP TWO: Multiply the STEP ONE amount by nine hundred  
34 twenty-five dollars (\$925).
- 35 (b) Each year the governing body of a school corporation may use  
36 the money that the school corporation receives for an honors diploma  
37 award under this section to give ~~nine hundred twenty-five dollars~~  
38 **(~~\$925~~) not more than five hundred dollars (\$500)** to each eligible  
39 pupil in the school corporation who:
- 40 (1) successfully completes an academic honors diploma program  
41 in the school year ending in the previous calendar year;
- 42 (2) 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 (3) achieves an SAT score of at least one thousand two  
4 hundred (1,200) or its equivalent;

5 (4) achieves a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.5  
6 on a 4.0 grading scale; and

7 (5) does not have a grade below a C in any course required to  
8 obtain an honors diploma.

9 SECTION 3. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a)  
10 Notwithstanding IC 21-3-1.7-9.8, as amended by this act, if the  
11 governing body of a school corporation has promised, before July  
12 1, 2000, to give the money that the school corporation receives for  
13 an academic honors diploma award to any pupil in the school  
14 corporation who successfully completes an academic honors  
15 diploma program in a school year ending in the year 2004 or  
16 earlier, then the governing body of the school corporation may use  
17 the money that the school corporation receives for academic  
18 honors diploma awards to give nine hundred twenty-five dollars  
19 (\$925) to each eligible pupil in fulfillment of the promise made to  
20 all eligible pupils.

21 (b) This SECTION expires June 30, 2004.

22 SECTION 4. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2000] There is appropriated  
23 two million four hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$2,450,000) from  
24 the twenty million eight hundred thousand dollars (\$20,800,000)  
25 that reverted to the state general fund in 1999 from tuition support  
26 appropriations. The appropriation is to be used by the state  
27 student assistance commission to provide honors diploma  
28 scholarships under IC 20-12-21-22, as added by this act, for the  
29 period beginning July 1, 2000, and ending June 30, 2001.

30 SECTION 5. An emergency is declared for this act.

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## COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President: The Senate Committee on Education, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 246, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 1, line 3, delete "[EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2001]" and insert "[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2000]".

Page 2, after line 1, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) **Notwithstanding IC 21-3-1.7-9.8, as amended by this act, if the governing body of a school corporation has promised, before July 1, 2000, to give the money that the school corporation receives for an academic honors diploma award to any pupil in the school corporation who successfully completes an academic honors diploma program in a school year ending in the year 2004 or earlier, then the governing body of the school corporation may use the money that the school corporation receives for academic honors diploma awards to give nine hundred twenty-five dollars (\$925) to each eligible pupil in fulfillment of the promise made to all eligible pupils.**

**(b) This SECTION expires June 30, 2004.**

**SECTION 3. An emergency is declared for this act."**

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 246 as introduced.)

WEATHERWAX, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0.

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## COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred Senate Bill 246, 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 1, between the enacting clause and line 1, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 1. IC 20-12-21-22 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2000]: **Sec. 22. (a) As used in this section, "scholarship" refers to an academic honors diploma scholarship established by this section.**

**(b) There is established the academic honors diploma scholarship program. The commission shall administer the program.**

**(c) The commission shall do the following:**

**(1) Provide a tuition scholarship in the amount determined under subsection (d) to each Indiana resident student in the graduating class of a school corporation or an accredited nonpublic school who does the following:**

**(A) Successfully completes an academic honors diploma program, as certified by the school corporation or the accredited nonpublic school.**

**(B) Enrolls in and incurs an obligation to pay tuition to an approved institution of higher learning (as defined in IC 20-12-22.1-3).**

**(C) Achieves a Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) score of at least one thousand two hundred (1,200).**

**(D) Achieves a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 grading scale.**

**(E) Does not have a grade below a C in any course required to obtain an honors diploma.**

**(2) Pay the amount of the scholarship directly to the institution where the scholarship recipient is enrolled for credit against the student's tuition obligation.**

**(d) The award under this chapter is five hundred dollars (\$500).**

**(e) The commission may not do the following:**

**(1) Reduce the amount of a student's scholarship because the student receives another award under this chapter.**

**(2) Consider the scholarship under this section in determining whether to grant another award under this chapter or determining the amount of another award under this chapter.**

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**(3) Renew a scholarship.**

**(f) The commission shall pay the costs of the scholarships from appropriations made specifically to provide scholarships under this section."**

Page 1, reset in roman lines 13 through 17.

Page 1, line 15, strike "nine hundred twenty-five dollars".

Page 1, line 16, strike "\$925" and insert "**not more than five hundred dollars (\$500)**".

Page 1, line 16, after "who" insert ":".

Page 1, line 16, before "successfully" begin a new line block indented and insert:

**"(1)"**.

Page 2, reset in roman line 1.

Page 2, line 1, delete "." and insert ";".

Page 2, between lines 1 and 2, begin a new line block indented and insert:

**"(2) enrolls in and incurs an obligation to pay tuition to an approved institution of higher learning (as defined in IC 20-12-22.1-3);**

**(3) achieves a Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) score of at least one thousand two hundred (1,200);**

**(4) achieves a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 grading scale; and**

**(5) does not have a grade below a C in any course required to obtain an honors diploma."**

Page 2, between lines 14 and 15, begin a new paragraph and insert:

**"SECTION 3. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2000] There is appropriated two million four hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$2,450,000) from the twenty million eight hundred thousand dollars (\$20,800,000) that reverted to the state general fund in 1999 from tuition support appropriations. The appropriation is to be used by the state student assistance commission to provide honors diploma scholarships under IC 20-12-21-22, as added by this act, for the period beginning July 1, 2000, and ending June 30, 2001."**

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 246 as printed January 21, 2000.)

BAUER, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 24, nays 0.

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HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Engrossed Senate Bill 246 be amended to read as follows:

Page 2, line 3, delete "a Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)" and insert "**an SAT**".

Page 2, line 4, after "(1,200)" insert "**or its equivalent**".

Page 3, line 3, delete "a Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)" and insert "**an SAT**".

Page 3, line 4, after "(1,200)" insert "**or its equivalent**".

(Reference is to ESB 246 as printed February 18, 2000.)

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