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HOUSE BILL No. 1278

DIGEST OF HB 1278 (Updated January 26, 2000 12:42 PM - DI 58)

Citations Affected: IC 20-12.

Synopsis: Higher education awards for military personnel. Provides that an Indiana resident who is: (1) serving in the armed forces of the United States; (2) stationed outside Indiana; and (3) otherwise qualified to receive a higher education award; may receive and use a higher education award or freedom of choice grant at an educational institution that is located outside Indiana.

Effective: July 1, 2001.

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January 11, 2000, read first time and referred to Committee on Ways and Means.
January 26, 2000, 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 higher education.

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-12-21-6.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: **Sec. 6.3. A student who:**

4 **(1) is a resident of Indiana:**

5 **(A) serving in the armed forces of the United States; and**

6 **(B) stationed outside Indiana; and**

7 **(2) meets the requirements of section 6 of this chapter, except**
8 **the requirement of enrolling at an approved institution of**
9 **higher learning located in Indiana;**

10 **is eligible to receive a state higher education award under this**
11 **chapter.**

12 SECTION 2. IC 20-12-21-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.186-1999,
13 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
14 JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 7. (a) For each academic year, first-year higher
15 education awards shall be issued to as many qualified persons as the
16 then current biennial appropriation allows. Those applicants who are
17 least able to provide funds for the cost of education shall be given

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1 priority in the awarding of higher education award funds.

2 (b) A higher education award for a student in a program leading to
3 a baccalaureate degree may be renewed for a total of three (3)
4 academic years following the academic year of the first award or until
5 such earlier time as the student receives a degree normally obtained in
6 four (4) academic years. A higher education award for a student in a
7 program leading to a technical certificate or an associate degree may
8 be renewed for the number of academic years normally required to
9 obtain a certificate or degree in the student's program. The commission
10 may grant such a renewal only upon application and only upon its
11 finding that:

- 12 (1) the applicant has successfully completed the work of a
13 preceding year;
14 (2) the applicant remains domiciled in the state;
15 (3) based on the financial requirement set forth in section 6(a)(3)
16 of this chapter, the recipient's financial situation continues to
17 warrant an award; and
18 (4) the applicant is eligible under section 6(b) and 6(c) of this
19 chapter.

20 (c) Out of funds available after commitments have been met under
21 subsections (a) and (b), awards shall be issued to persons who have
22 successfully completed one (1), but not more than three (3), academic
23 years in approved institutions of higher learning, if they meet the
24 eligibility requirements of section 6, ~~or~~ 6.1, ~~or~~ 6.3 of this chapter. Such
25 awards shall be handled on the same basis as renewals under
26 subsection (b).

27 (d) A higher education award issued under this section extends to
28 all educational costs for the academic year for which the award is
29 made, but only to the extent of current financial need (as measured
30 under section 6(a)(3) of this chapter) or the maximum fees regularly
31 assessed to resident undergraduates at any Indiana public institution of
32 higher learning, as determined annually by the commission, whichever
33 is smaller.

34 SECTION 3. IC 20-12-21-15, AS AMENDED BY P.L.186-1999,
35 SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
36 JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 15. The commission shall administer the hereby
37 created freedom of choice grant program. A person shall be eligible for
38 a grant under this program if:

- 39 ~~(a)~~ (1) the person is qualified for a higher education award under
40 the terms of sections 6, ~~or~~ 6.1, ~~or~~ 6.3 of this chapter; even though
41 lack of funds prevents the actual award or grant;
42 ~~(b)~~ (2) the person has a financial need as determined pursuant to

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1 this chapter, and the rules and regulations of the commission in
2 excess of such award; and
3 ~~(c)~~ (3) the person will attend an approved institution of higher
4 learning as defined in section 3(2)(A), 3(2)(B), or 3(2)(C) of this
5 chapter, which is operated privately and not administered or
6 controlled by any state agency or entity.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred House Bill 1278, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

BAUER, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 21, nays 1.

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