

SENATE BILL No. 497

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 21-12-10.

Synopsis: Higher education scholarship. Provides an early graduation scholarship to a student who graduates from high school before grade 12. Requires the state board of education to amend its rules to facilitate graduation from high school in less than seven semesters. Makes an appropriation.

Effective: Upon passage.

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January 13, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on Education and Career Development.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning higher education and to make an appropriation.

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 21-12-10 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 UPON PASSAGE]:

4 **Chapter 10. Early Graduation Scholarship**

5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "publicly supported school"**
6 **means the following:**

- 7 (1) **A school corporation (as defined in IC 20-18-2-16(a)).**
- 8 (2) **A charter school (as defined in IC 20-24-1-4).**
- 9 (3) **A high school maintained by a state educational institution**
10 **under IC 20-24.5 or another law.**

11 **Sec. 2. The general assembly finds that, when a student**
12 **graduates from high school in three (3) years or less and does not**
13 **require a publicly supported school to provide educational services**
14 **in a fourth year, the educational goals of the state and its publicly**
15 **supported schools are better served by distributing to the**
16 **graduating student part of the state tuition support money that**
17 **publicly supported schools would otherwise receive to help pay the**



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tuition and other necessary fees and charges that are incurred by the graduating student at an approved postsecondary educational institution.

Sec. 3. The early graduation scholarship program is established. The commission shall administer the early graduation scholarship program.

Sec. 4. An individual is eligible for an early graduation scholarship if the individual:

- (1) is a resident of Indiana, as defined by the commission;
- (2) attended a publicly supported secondary school on a full-time equivalency basis (as defined in IC 20-43-1-14) for at least the last two (2) semesters before the individual graduated from high school;
- (3) had legal settlement (as defined in IC 20-18-2-11) in Indiana for at least the last two (2) semesters before the individual graduated from high school;
- (4) met at least the minimum requirements set by the Indiana state board of education for granting a high school diploma by the end of grade 11 (including any summer school courses completed before July 1 of a year) and was awarded after December 31, 2010, a high school diploma by the publicly supported secondary school that the individual last attended for course credits earned before the end of grade 11;
- (5) was not enrolled in a publicly supported school for any part of grade 12;
- (6) applies to the commission for an early graduation scholarship in the manner specified by the commission; and
- (7) within two (2) years after graduating from high school, excluding any time served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States (as defined in IC 21-14-1-2.7), becomes a student in good standing at an approved postsecondary educational institution and is engaged in a program that will lead to a two (2) or four (4) year postsecondary degree.

Sec. 5. Graduation from a nonstandard course and curriculum program or a program for high ability students that has been granted a waiver by the Indiana state board of education shall be treated as meeting the minimum requirements set by the state board of education for granting a high school diploma.

Sec. 6. (a) A publicly supported school shall submit to the department the name of each individual described in section 4(1) through 4(3) of this chapter.

(b) The department shall submit to the commission the

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1 information submitted under subsection (a) and any other
 2 supporting information requested by the commission on the
 3 schedule and in the form specified by the commission.
 4 Sec. 7. The amount of an early graduation scholarship is three
 5 thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500).
 6 Sec. 8. An early graduation scholarship awarded under this
 7 chapter shall be applied to tuition and other necessary fees and
 8 charges that are incurred by an individual before applying any
 9 other grant or scholarship under this article. The amount of an
 10 early graduation scholarship awarded under this chapter shall not
 11 be considered as a financial resource in a determination of the
 12 amount of any grant or scholarship under this article or, except as
 13 required by federal law, the amount of any other grant or
 14 scholarship administered by the commission.
 15 Sec. 9. An individual to whom the commission has issued an
 16 early graduation scholarship may apply for enrollment as a student
 17 in any approved postsecondary educational institution. However,
 18 the institution is not required to accept the applicant for
 19 enrollment, and the institution may require compliance with its
 20 own admissions requirements. If the approved postsecondary
 21 educational institution accepts the applicant, the institution shall
 22 give written notice to the commission. The institution is entitled to
 23 the payments of tuition and other necessary fees and charges
 24 provided by the early graduation scholarship that are incurred by
 25 the applicant. The institution shall provide facilities and instruction
 26 to the applicant on the same terms as to other students.
 27 Sec. 10. There is appropriated a sufficient amount to the
 28 commission from the state general fund to award early graduation
 29 scholarships to individuals under this chapter.
 30 Sec. 11. (a) The department of education shall reduce the total
 31 amount of state tuition support distributed under IC 20-43 to
 32 publicly supported schools in the year that an early graduation
 33 scholarship is awarded under this chapter by the amount of the
 34 early graduation scholarships awarded in that year.
 35 (b) The department of education shall allocate a reduction
 36 under subsection (a) and reduce the amount of state tuition support
 37 distributed to a particular publicly supported school for the year
 38 an early graduation scholarship is awarded under this chapter only
 39 to the extent that the publicly supported school received a greater
 40 distribution of state tuition support in any year that is attributable
 41 under IC 20-43-4-7, IC 20-43-10, or another provision of IC 20-43
 42 to counting the recipient of an early graduation scholarship in the

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1 **current ADM of the publicly supported school in the last year that**
 2 **the recipient attended the publicly supported school.**
 3 **(c) The commission shall submit the information needed to**
 4 **comply with this section to the department of education.**
 5 SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] **(a) The Indiana**
 6 **state board of education shall amend its rules, including 511**
 7 **IAC 6-7.1-3, as necessary to permit a student to elect to graduate**
 8 **and qualify for an early graduation scholarship, as provided in**
 9 **IC 21-12-10, as added by this act.**
 10 **(b) The Indiana state board of education may adopt temporary**
 11 **rules in the manner provided for adopting an emergency rule**
 12 **under IC 4-22-2-37.1 to implement this SECTION and IC 21-12-10,**
 13 **as added by this act. A temporary rule adopted under this**
 14 **SECTION expires on the earliest of the following:**
 15 **(1) The date specified in the temporary rule.**
 16 **(2) The date another temporary rule or a permanent rule**
 17 **repeals or supersedes the previously adopted temporary rule.**
 18 **(3) July 1, 2012.**
 19 **(c) This SECTION expires July 1, 2012.**
 20 SECTION 3. **An emergency is declared for this act.**

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