HOUSE BILL No. 1511

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 21-12-6.

Synopsis: Twenty-first century scholars program. Removes the requirement that, to be eligible to participate in the twenty-first century scholars program, a student must be eligible for free or reduced price lunches under the national school lunch program. Requires, however, that to be eligible to apply for a scholarship under the twenty-first century scholars program, a student must have been eligible for free or reduced price lunches under the national school lunch program in any grade from grade 6 through grade 12. Provides that eligibility to participate in the twenty-first century scholars program does not automatically qualify a student to participate in an early intervention program under the federal Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Program (GEAR-UP).

Effective: July 1, 2011.

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January 20, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

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Introduced

First Regular Session 117th General Assembly (2011)

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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:

SECTION 1. IC 21-12-6-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.3-2008, SECTION 131, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 5. (a) To qualify to participate in the program, a student must meet the following requirements:

(1) Be a resident of Indiana.

(2) Be:

(A) enrolled in grade 7 or 8, for the 2007-2008 school year, and grade 6, 7, or 8, for the 2008-2009 school year and for subsequent school years, at a:

(i) public school; or

(ii) nonpublic school that is accredited either by the state board of education or by a national or regional accrediting agency whose accreditation is accepted as a school improvement plan under IC 20-31-4-2; or

(B) otherwise qualified under the rules of the commission that are adopted under IC 21-11-9-4 to include students who are in grades other than grade 8 as eligible students.

~~(3) Be eligible for free or reduced priced lunches under the national school lunch program.~~

~~(4)~~ **(3)** Agree, in writing, together with the student's custodial parents or guardian, that the student will:

(A) graduate from a secondary school located in Indiana that meets the admission criteria of an eligible institution;

(B) not illegally use controlled substances (as defined in IC 35-48-1-9);

(C) not commit a crime or an infraction described in IC 9-30-5;

(D) not commit any other crime or delinquent act (as described in IC 31-37-1-2 or IC 31-37-2-2 through IC 31-37-2-5 (or IC 31-6-4-1(a)(1) through IC 31-6-4-1(a)(5) before their repeal));

(E) timely apply, when the eligible student is a senior in high school:

(i) for admission to an eligible institution; and

(ii) for any federal and state student financial assistance available to the eligible student to attend an eligible institution; and

(F) achieve a cumulative grade point average upon graduation of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 grading scale (or its equivalent if another grading scale is used) for courses taken during grades 9, 10, 11, and 12.

(b) A student is qualified to participate in the program if the student:

(1) before or during grade 7 or grade 8, is placed by or with the consent of the department of child services, by a court order, or by a child placing agency in:

(A) a foster family home;

(B) the home of a relative or other unlicensed caretaker;

(C) a child caring institution; or

(D) a group home;

(2) agrees in writing, together with the student's caseworker (as defined in IC 31-9-2-11), to the conditions set forth in subsection ~~(a)(4),~~ **(a)(3);** and

(3) except as provided in subdivision (2), otherwise meets the requirements of subsection (a).

SECTION 2. IC 21-12-6-6, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2007, SECTION 253, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 6. A student may apply to the commission for a scholarship. To qualify for a scholarship, the student must meet the following requirements:

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(1) Be an eligible student who qualified to participate in the program under section 5 of this chapter.

(2) Be a resident of Indiana.

(3) Be a graduate from a secondary school located in Indiana that meets the admission criteria of an eligible institution.

(4) Have applied to attend and be accepted to attend as a full-time student an eligible institution.

(5) Certify in writing that the student has:

(A) not illegally used controlled substances (as defined in IC 35-48-1-9);

(B) not illegally consumed alcoholic beverages;

(C) not committed any other crime or a delinquent act (as described in IC 31-37-1-2 or IC 31-37-2-2 through IC 31-37-2-5 (or IC 31-6-4-1(a)(1) through IC 31-6-4-1(a)(5) before their repeal)); and

(D) timely filed an application for other types of financial assistance available to the student from the state or federal government.

(6) Submit to the commission all the information and evidence required by the commission to determine eligibility as a scholarship applicant.

(7) Was eligible for free or reduced price lunches under the national school lunch program in any grade from grade 6 through grade 12.

~~(7)~~ **(8)** Meet any other minimum criteria established by the commission.

SECTION 3. IC 21-12-6-16 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: **Sec. 16. A student who is qualified to participate in the twenty-first century scholars program under section 5(a) of this chapter is not automatically qualified to participate in an early intervention program under the federal Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Program (GEAR-UP). To be eligible to participate in GEAR-UP, a student must be eligible for free or reduced price lunches under the national school lunch program.**

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