COMMITTEE REPORT

MADAM PRESIDENT:

The Senate Committee on Education and Career Development, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 209, 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:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. IC 21-7-13-13.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 13.5. "Degree map" refers to a student reference developed by a state educational institution under guidelines or rules developed by the commission under IC 21-12-14-1, which provides an academic term by academic term sequence of course options that will allow the full-time student to complete either:**

(1) a baccalaureate degree within four (4) academic years; or

(2) an associate degree within two (2) academic years;

in the student's intended field of study. The reference shall specify the expected date that the student will earn a baccalaureate degree or an associate degree and the academic requirements that a student should complete each academic year to timely earn a degree.

SECTION 2. IC 21-12-3-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2007, SECTION 253, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2013]: Sec. 2. A higher education award recipient is not eligible for assistance after the recipient has received an award for ~~a total of eight (8) semesters or twelve (12) quarters of postsecondary~~

~~education~~ **the number of academic terms that constitutes four (4) undergraduate academic years.**

SECTION 3. IC 21-12-3-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.169-2011, SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 9. (a) A higher education award for a student in a program leading to a baccalaureate degree may be renewed for a total of three (3) undergraduate academic years following the academic year of the first award or until an earlier time as the student receives a degree normally obtained in four (4) undergraduate academic years. A higher education award for a student in a program leading to a technical certificate or an undergraduate associate degree may be renewed for the number of academic years normally required to obtain a certificate or degree in the student's program. The commission may grant a renewal only upon application and only upon its finding that:

(1) the applicant has successfully completed the work of a preceding year;

(2) the applicant remains domiciled in Indiana;

(3) the recipient's financial situation continues to warrant an award, based on the financial requirements set forth in section (1)(a)(3) of this chapter;

(4) the applicant is eligible under section 2 of this chapter; ~~and~~

(5) subject to subsection (b), if the student initially enrolls in an eligible institution for a semester (or its equivalent) beginning after June 30, 2012, the student maintains at least the following cumulative grade point average:

(A) For credit hours applicable to the equivalent of the applicant's freshman academic year, a cumulative grade point average that the eligible institution determines is satisfactory academic progress.

(B) For credit hours applicable to the equivalent of the applicant's sophomore academic year, a cumulative grade point average of 2.25 on a 4.0 grading scale or its equivalent as established by the eligible institution.

(C) For credit hours applicable to the equivalent of the applicant's junior or senior academic year, a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 grading scale or its equivalent as established by the eligible institution; **and**

(6) the applicant meets the requirements under IC 21-12-13-2.5.

(b) After the first semester or its equivalent at the eligible institution that a person does not achieve the requisite cumulative grade point average specified in subsection (a)(5), the person is considered to be on

probation and must achieve the requisite cumulative grade point average by the next semester or its equivalent at the eligible institution in order to continue to receive benefits under this chapter.

SECTION 4. IC 21-12-6-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.229-2011, SECTION 229, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 7. (a) Subject to IC 21-12-13-2, a scholarship awarded under section 6 of this chapter or this section may be renewed. To qualify for a scholarship renewal, a scholarship recipient must do the following:

(1) Submit to the commission a renewal application that contains all the information and evidence required by the commission to determine eligibility for the scholarship renewal.

(2) Continue to be enrolled as a full-time student in good standing at an eligible institution.

(3) This subdivision applies only to applicants who initially enroll in the program under section 5 of this chapter or IC 21-12-6.5-2 after June 30, 2011. For purposes of this chapter, applicants who are enrolled in the program before July 1, 2011, will not have an income or financial resources test applied to them when they subsequently apply to renew a scholarship. Continue to have a lack of financial resources reasonably available to the applicant, as defined by the commission, that, in the absence of an award under this chapter, would deter the scholarship applicant from completing the applicant's education at the approved postsecondary educational institution that the applicant has selected and that has accepted the applicant.

(4) Subject to subsection (b), if the student initially enrolls in an eligible institution for a semester (or its equivalent) beginning after June 30, 2012, maintain at least the following cumulative grade point average:

(A) For credit hours applicable to the equivalent of the applicant's freshman academic year, a cumulative grade point average that the eligible institution determines is satisfactory academic progress.

(B) For credit hours applicable to the equivalent of the applicant's sophomore academic year, a cumulative grade point average of 2.25 on a 4.0 grading scale or its equivalent as established by the eligible institution.

(C) For credit hours applicable to the equivalent of the applicant's junior or senior academic year, a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 grading scale or its equivalent as established by the eligible institution.

(5) Continue to meet any other minimum criteria established by the commission.

(6) Meet the requirements described under IC 21-12-13-2.5.

(b) After the first semester or its equivalent at the eligible institution that a person does not achieve the requisite cumulative grade point average specified in subsection (a)(4), the person is considered to be on probation and must achieve the requisite cumulative grade point average by the next semester or its equivalent at the eligible institution in order to continue to receive benefits under this chapter.

SECTION 5. IC 21-12-6-8, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2007, SECTION 253, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2013]: Sec. 8. A scholarship may be renewed under this chapter for a total scholarship award that does not exceed the equivalent of ~~eight (8) semesters.~~ **four (4) academic years.**

SECTION 6. IC 21-12-8-6, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2007, SECTION 253, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2013]: Sec. 6. The commission shall determine the maximum number of part-time student grants available to applicants. However, with respect to a particular student, the total of the academic terms for which:

(1) part-time student grants under this chapter; and

(2) Frank O'Bannon grants;

are made may not exceed the equivalent of ~~eight (8) semesters~~ **four (4) academic years** of full-time study. The commission shall treat each academic term for which a Frank O'Bannon grant is made as one (1) academic term.

SECTION 7. IC 21-12-9-7, AS ADDED BY P.L.173-2007, SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2013]: Sec. 7. (a) The money in the fund shall be used to provide annual scholarships to insurance students who qualify under section 9 of this chapter. The commission shall determine the amount of money to be allocated from the fund for scholarships under this chapter.

(b) A scholarship awarded under this chapter may be used only for the payment of tuition or fees that are:

(1) approved by the state educational institution that awards the scholarship; and

(2) not otherwise payable under any other scholarship or form of financial assistance specifically designated for tuition or fees.

(c) Subject to section 8(c) of this chapter, each scholarship awarded under this chapter is renewable under section 9 of this chapter for a total number of terms that does not exceed ~~eight (8) full-time semesters~~

~~(or the equivalent) or twelve (12) full-time quarters (or the equivalent).~~ **four (4) academic years.**

SECTION 8. IC 21-12-13-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.169-2011, SECTION 14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2013]: Sec. 2. (a) This section applies to the following scholarship and fee remission statutes:

(1) IC 21-12-3.
(2) IC 21-12-4.
(3) IC 21-12-6.
(4) IC 21-12-8.
(5) IC 21-12-9.
(6) IC 21-13-2.
(7) IC 21-13-3.
(8) IC 21-13-4.
(9) IC 21-14-5.
(10) IC 21-14-6-2.

(b) Except as provided in sections 3 and 4 of this chapter, a grant or reduction in tuition or fees, including all renewals and extensions, under any of the laws listed in subsection (a) may not exceed ~~eight (8)~~ **four (4)** full-time undergraduate ~~semesters~~ **academic years** or its equivalent, as determined by the commission and must be used within eight (8) years after the date the individual first applies and becomes eligible for benefits under the applicable law.

SECTION 9. IC 21-12-13-2.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2013]: **Sec. 2.5. (a) This section applies:**

(1) to a student who initially enrolls in a state educational institution after July 31, 2014; and
(2) to the following scholarship statutes:
(A) IC 21-12-3.
(B) IC 21-12-4.
(C) IC 21-12-6.

(b) Notwithstanding any other law, a student shall request to renew a grant or reduction in tuition or fees for any scholarships, awards, or grants under any of the laws listed in subsection (a)(2) after completion of an academic year for a total of three (3) undergraduate academic years following the academic year of the first award or reduction in tuition or fees, or until an earlier time as the student receives a degree normally obtained in four (4) undergraduate academic years. Except as provided in IC 21-12-14-1(b), a student may not renew a grant or reduction in

tuition or fees under any scholarships, awards, or grants under any of the laws listed in subsection (a)(2) if the student does not timely complete the academic requirements specified by the student's degree map under IC 21-12-14-2(3). A student shall submit verification, on a form and in a manner prescribed by the commission, that the student is timely meeting the requirements specified in the student's degree map described under IC 21-12-14-2(3).

SECTION 10. IC 21-12-14 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]:

Chapter 14. Degree Maps

Sec. 1. (a) Not later than August 1, 2013, the commission shall develop guidelines or rules under IC 4-22-2, in consultation with state educational institutions, to provide a state educational institution guidance for establishing degree maps for each full-time student attending the state educational institution. The commission may adopt emergency rules in the manner set forth in IC 4-22-2-37.1. The rules or guidelines shall include:

(1) procedures for establishing a degree map with a student, including requirements for adjusting a degree map in situations in which the student changes the student's field of study;

(2) procedures that a state educational institution must follow to comply with IC 21-12-13-2.5;

(3) requirements and guidance for a state educational institution to determine when the state educational institution must offer a course at no cost to a student under section 3 of this chapter;

(4) requirements for excusing a student from complying with the student's degree map described under subsection (b); and

(5) anything the commission determines is necessary to implement this chapter.

(b) This subsection applies to a student that is subject to the requirements set forth in IC 21-12-13-2.5. The guidelines or rules established by the commission under this section shall include requirements for waiving the requirements set forth in IC 21-12-13-2.5:

(1) if the student is serving on active duty in the armed forces of the United States or the national guard;

(2) if the student has a physical or mental disability or a serious illness; or

(3) for an extenuating circumstance that prevents the student from complying with IC 21-12-13-2.5 and that is recognized by the commission.

Sec. 2. This section applies to a student who initially enrolls in a state educational institution after July 31, 2014. A state educational institution shall develop a degree map for each full-time student based on the student's specific educational objective or course of study. A full-time student's degree map must contain:

(1) an academic term by academic term sequence of course options that will allow the full-time student to complete either:

(A) a baccalaureate degree within four (4) academic years; or

(B) an associate degree within two (2) academic years;

in the student's intended field of study;

(2) the expected date that the student will earn a baccalaureate degree or an associate degree described in subdivision (1);

(3) the academic requirements that a student must complete each academic year to timely earn a degree described in subdivision (1); and

(4) any information the commission determines is appropriate under section 1 of this chapter.

Sec. 3. This section applies to a student who initially enrolls in a state educational institution after July 31, 2014. A state educational institution shall ensure that courses necessary for the student to comply with the student's degree map are available for the student during the academic term in which the student is required to complete the particular course. If a student who is compliant with the student's degree map is unable to take a course required under the student's degree map for the current academic term either because:

(1) the state educational institution does not offer the course during that particular academic term; or

(2) the student is unable to enroll in the course:

(A) because the course times in which the course is offered conflicts with other course requirements specified for the current academic term in the student's degree map; or

(B) because the course is full;

the state educational institution shall provide the particular course to the student at no cost during the next available academic term

in which the course is offered.

Sec. 4. (a) This section applies to a student who initially enrolls in a state educational institution after July 31, 2014. A full-time student is entitled to a performance grant for earning a baccalaureate degree or an associate degree at a state educational institution if the full-time student earns the degree on or before the date the student is expected to earn the degree pursuant to the student's degree map. The performance grant shall be paid by the commission from any funds available to the commission.

(b) The amount of the performance grant is as follows:

(1) If the student earns a baccalaureate degree in the academic term in which the student is expected to earn the degree pursuant to the student's degree map, one thousand dollars ($1,000).

(2) If the student earns an associate degree in the academic term in which the student is expected to earn the degree pursuant to the student's degree map, seven hundred fifty dollars ($750).

(3) If the student earns a baccalaureate degree at least one (1) academic term before the academic term in which the student is expected to earn the baccalaureate degree pursuant to the student's degree map, one thousand five hundred dollars ($1,500).

(4) If the student earns an associate degree at least one (1) academic term before the academic term in which the student is expected to earn the associate degree pursuant to the student's degree map, one thousand two hundred fifty dollars ($1,250).

(c) To receive a grant under this section, the student must apply to the commission on a form and in a manner prescribed by the commission within sixty (60) days after the date the student earns the degree.

(d) A student may receive only one (1) performance grant under this section.

SECTION 11. IC 21-13-2-6, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2007, SECTION 254, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2013]: Sec. 6. Subject to section 12 of this chapter, a scholarship may be renewed under this chapter for a total scholarship award that does not exceed ~~eight (8) semesters (or its equivalent).~~ **four (4) academic years.** However, an eligible institution may not grant a scholarship renewal to a student for an academic year that ends later than six (6) years after the date the student received the

initial scholarship under this chapter.

SECTION 12. IC 21-13-3-7, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2007, SECTION 254, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2013]: Sec. 7. Subject to section 11 of this chapter, a scholarship awarded may be renewed under section 6 of this chapter for a total number of terms that does not exceed **four (4) academic years.**

~~(1) eight (8) full-time (or part-time equivalent) semesters; or~~

~~(2) twelve (12) full-time (or part-time equivalent) quarters.~~

SECTION 13. IC 21-13-4-3, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2007, SECTION 254, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2013]: Sec. 3. Each scholarship awarded under this chapter:

(1) may be renewed under this chapter for a total scholarship award that does not exceed the equivalent of ~~eight (8) semesters;~~ **four (4) academic years;** and

(2) is subject to other eligibility criteria as established by the commission.

SECTION 14. IC 21-14-6-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.51-2009, SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2013]: Sec. 2. (a) This section applies to a public safety officer's child who is less than twenty-four (24) years of age on the date of the public safety officer's death. The children of a public safety officer who has been killed in the line of duty are exempt from the payment of tuition and regularly assessed fees for ~~eight (8) semesters (or the equivalent)~~ **four (4) academic years** in which the children enroll at a state educational institution or state supported technical school. The children must be full-time students pursuing a prescribed course of study.

(b) The maximum amount that an eligible applicant is exempt from paying for a semester hour is an amount equal to the cost of an

1 undergraduate semester credit hour at the state educational institution
2 in which the eligible applicant enrolls.
3 SECTION 15. **An emergency is declared for this act.**

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and when so amended that said bill do pass and be reassigned to the Senate Committee on Appropriations.

Committee Vote: Yeas 10, Nays 2.

Senator Kruse, Chairperson