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Chapter 5. Tuition Exemption for Senior Citizens

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Senior citizens tuition fund; establishment

Sec. 1. (a) The senior citizens tuition fund is established to provide full or partial reimbursements to state educational institutions for the amount of tuition waived under this chapter.

(b) The fund shall be administered by the commission.

(c) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from money in the fund.

(d) The treasurer of state shall invest the money not currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same manner as other public funds may be invested.

As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.255.

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Duties of state educational institutions

Sec. 2. Except as provided in section 4 of this chapter, a state educational institution shall:

(1) admit a senior citizen to a scheduled course where there is space available; and

(2) grant a waiver of the tuition assessed for the course as provided in section 3 of this chapter.

As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.255.

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Amount of tuition

Sec. 3. The amount of the tuition waived under section 2 of this chapter must equal fifty percent (50%) of the in-state tuition assessed for the course by the state educational institution.

As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.255.

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Requirements of state educational institutions

Sec. 4. A state educational institution is not required to do the following:

(1) Allow a senior citizen to enroll in a degree granting program, unless the senior citizen meets the admission standards of the institution.

(2) Permit the full-time equivalent enrollment of senior citizens for whom tuition has been waived to exceed two percent (2%) of the institution's undergraduate full-time equivalent enrollment.

(3) Waive a senior citizen's tuition for more than the equivalent of nine (9) semester hours per semester.

(4) Waive fees for self-supporting programs, applications, registration, or laboratory work.

As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.255.

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Additional duties of state educational institutions

Sec. 5. (a) A state educational institution may receive a reimbursement from the fund for an amount equal to:

- (1) the amount of total tuition waived under this chapter; or
- (2) if the amount in the fund is insufficient to cover the tuition waivers for all of the institutions, a pro rata reduction of the amount of total tuition waivers based upon the number of senior citizens for which the institution provides tuition waivers compared to the total number of senior citizens who participate under this chapter statewide.

(b) To receive a reimbursement under subsection (a), the state educational institution must apply to the commission, on forms provided by the commission, for the reimbursement.

As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.255.

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Comprehensive report

Sec. 6. (a) In addition, not later than thirty (30) days after the end of each semester (or its equivalent if the state educational institution does not conduct its academic year on a semester basis), each state educational institution shall provide the commission and the commission for higher education with a comprehensive report detailing the extent to which the institution participated in the senior citizen tuition exemption under this chapter.

(b) The report must include the following information:

- (1) The number of senior citizens who qualified for a tuition exemption.
- (2) The courses in which the senior citizens enrolled.
- (3) The number of semester hours (or its equivalent) taken by senior citizens under this chapter.
- (4) Any other pertinent information required by the commission.

As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.255.

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Additional educational opportunities

Sec. 7. This chapter does not prohibit a state educational institution from offering other educational opportunities that are not covered by this chapter to senior citizens at no charge or at a reduced charge.

As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.255.