

HOUSE BILL No. 1064

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 21-12-8.

Synopsis: Public safety workforce development. Provides that a public safety officer may be eligible to receive a high value workforce ready credit-bearing grant (grant). Provides that a public safety officer may receive a grant for a certificate or associate degree program at Ivy Tech Community College or Vincennes University. Provides that a public safety officer applicant must submit proof of employment as a public safety officer to be eligible for the grant. Resolves a conflict between HEA 1074-2018 and HEA 1002-2018. Makes technical corrections.

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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 21-12-8-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.230-2017,
2 SECTION 27, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 2. The commission shall do the following:

4 (1) Prescribe the form and manner in which applications for adult
5 student grants may be submitted.

6 (2) Determine the eligibility of applicants.

7 (3) Determine the amount of an adult student grant awarded to a
8 recipient.

9 (4) In conjunction with the department of workforce development,
10 determine which certificate programs are eligible for the high
11 value workforce ready credit-bearing grant under section 9
12 **9(b)(3)(A)** of this chapter after considering at least the following
13 for each certificate program:

14 (A) Workforce demand and needs.

15 (B) Wage level data and information.

16 (C) Program content and completion data.

17 (D) Job placement data.



SECTION 2. IC 21-12-8-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.174-2018, SECTION 8, AND AS AMENDED BY P.L.178-2018, SECTION 6, IS CORRECTED AND AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 9. (a) This section applies to an applicant who attends or has attended any of the following:

- (1) An approved secondary school.
- (2) An accredited nonpublic school.
- (3) A nonaccredited nonpublic school.

(b) An applicant is eligible to receive a high value workforce ready credit-bearing grant if the following conditions are met:

- (1) The applicant is domiciled in Indiana, as defined by the commission.

(2) The applicant:

(A) has received a diploma of graduation from a school described in subsection (a);

(B) has been granted a:

(i) high school equivalency certificate before July 1, 1995; or

(ii) state of Indiana general educational development (GED) diploma under IC 20-10.1-12.1 (before its repeal), IC 20-20-6 (before its repeal), or IC 22-4.1-18; or

(C) is a student in good standing who is completing a final year of study at a school described in subsection (a) and will be eligible upon graduation to attend an approved institution of higher learning.

(3) The applicant is:

(A) enrolled in an eligible certificate program, as determined under ~~IC 21-12-8-2(4)~~, **section 2(4) of this chapter** at Ivy Tech Community College or Vincennes University; or

(B) subject to subsection (f), a public safety officer (as defined in IC 21-14-1-6) and is enrolled in a:

(i) certificate program; or

(ii) associate degree program;

at Ivy Tech Community College or Vincennes University.

(4) The applicant enrolls at least half-time for purposes of federal financial aid.

(5) The applicant has not received any grant for the maximum number of academic terms specified for the grant in IC 21-12-13-1 or IC 21-12-13-2.

(6) The applicant is not eligible for any state financial aid program described in IC 21-12-13-1(a) or IC 21-12-13-2(a).

(7) The applicant is identified as financially independent from the



applicant's parents as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

(8) The applicant has correctly filed the FAFSA and, if eligible for aid, accepts all offered federal scholarships and grants.

(9) *Except as provided under subsection (c), the applicant maintains satisfactory academic progress, as determined by the eligible institution. ~~unless one (1) or more of the following conditions is met:~~*

(A) The applicant has not attended an eligible institution for the immediately preceding two (2) academic years.

(B) The applicant attended an eligible institution at any time during the immediately preceding two (2) academic years and the applicant maintained satisfactory academic progress during the period in which the applicant attended the eligible institution.

(10) **This subdivision applies to an applicant described in subdivision (3)(A).** The applicant has not previously received a baccalaureate degree, an associate degree, or an eligible certificate.

(11) **This subdivision applies to an applicant described in subdivision (3)(B). The applicant must provide proof of employment as a public safety officer, in a manner prescribed by the commission. If the applicant is a member of a volunteer fire department, the chief of the volunteer fire department of which the applicant is a member must certify to the commission, in a manner prescribed by the commission, that the applicant is a member of the volunteer fire department.**

~~(11)~~ (12) The applicant meets any other minimum criteria established by the commission.

(c) This subsection applies to an applicant who does not maintain satisfactory academic progress under subsection (b)(9) but meets all the other conditions required under subsection (b). An applicant is eligible to receive a high value workforce ready credit-bearing grant if the applicant meets one (1) of the following:

(1) The applicant has not attended an eligible institution for the immediately preceding two (2) academic years.

(2) The applicant:

(A) attended an eligible institution at any time during the immediately preceding two (2) academic years; and

(B) maintained satisfactory academic progress, as determined by the eligible institution, during the period described in clause (A) in which the applicant attended the eligible



institution.

~~(c)~~ **(d)** If an applicant is identified as dependent as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), the applicant must:

(1) meet the criteria specified in subsection (b), except for subsection (b)(4), (b)(7), and (b)(9);

(2) enroll full time for purposes of federal financial aid;

(3) maintain satisfactory academic progress, as determined by the eligible institution; and

(4) complete a workforce ready grant success program, as determined by the commission, if the applicant graduates from high school after December 31, 2018.

~~(d)~~ **(e)** If the demand for high value workforce ready credit-bearing grants exceeds the available appropriation, as determined by the commission, the commission shall prioritize the applicants identified as independent as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

(f) The total amount of all grants awarded to applicants described in subsection (b)(3)(B) may not exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000) annually.

SECTION 3. IC 21-12-8-11, AS ADDED BY P.L.230-2017, SECTION 32, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 11. (a) The duration of a high value workforce ready credit-bearing grant under section 9 of this chapter:

(1) for an applicant described in section 9(b)(3)(A) of this chapter, may not exceed the lesser of:

~~(1)~~ **(A)** two (2) undergraduate academic years; or

~~(2)~~ **(B)** the number of credit hours required by the eligible certificate program in which the student is enrolled; **or**

(2) for an applicant described in section 9(b)(3)(B) of this chapter, may not exceed the lesser of:

(A) two (2) undergraduate academic years; or

(B) the number of credit hours required for the certificate, associate degree, or bachelor degree program in which the student is enrolled.

(b) Subject to the conditions described in this chapter, a student's high value workforce ready credit-bearing grant may be renewed if the student:

(1) maintains satisfactory academic progress while receiving the grant; and

(2) for an applicant described in section 9(b)(3)(A) of this chapter, is enrolled in an eligible certificate program that



- 1 requires more than twelve (12) credit hours or its equivalent.
2 (c) A recipient of the high value workforce ready credit-bearing
3 grant may not receive aid under IC 21-12-3, IC 21-12-4, or IC 21-12-6
4 unless the recipient has:
5 (1) **for an applicant described in section 9(b)(3)(A) of this**
6 **chapter**, received a high-value certificate, as determined by the
7 commission; or
8 (2) met the requirements of IC 21-12-1.7-3(c), IC 21-12-3-9(a)(6),
9 or IC 21-12-6-7(a)(6).

