

SENATE BILL No. 412

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 21-12-6-7.

Synopsis: 21st century scholars program. Provides that the commission for higher education may allow a twenty-first century scholars program student who fulfills the observance of a religious discipline or call to mission to delay enrollment in a college or university or to meet course completion requirements for a period of up to two years.

Effective: July 1, 2020.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

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.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2019 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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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 21-12-6-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.215-2018(ss),
- 2 SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 3 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 7. (a) Subject to IC 21-12-13-2, a scholarship
- 4 awarded under section 6 of this chapter or this section may be renewed.
- 5 To qualify for a scholarship renewal, a scholarship recipient must do
- 6 the following:
- 7 (1) Submit to the commission a renewal application that contains
- 8 all the information and evidence required by the commission to
- 9 determine eligibility for the scholarship renewal.
- 10 (2) Continue to be enrolled as a full-time student in good standing
- 11 at an eligible institution.
- 12 (3) This subdivision applies only to applicants who initially enroll
- 13 in the program under section 5 of this chapter or IC 21-12-6.5-2
- 14 after June 30, 2011. For purposes of this chapter, applicants who
- 15 are enrolled in the program before July 1, 2011, will not have an
- 16 income or financial resources test applied to them when they
- 17 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) Maintain satisfactory academic progress, as determined by the eligible institution.

(5) If the student initially enrolls in an eligible institution for an academic year beginning after August 31, 2019, complete a student success program designed by the commission in coordination with eligible institutions.

(6) Beginning in an academic year beginning after August 31, 2017, the student successfully completes:

(A) at least thirty (30) credit hours or the equivalent during the last academic year in which the student received state financial aid; or

(B) at least thirty (30) credit hours or the equivalent during the last academic year in which the student was enrolled in postsecondary education.

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

(b) In determining eligibility under subsection (a)(6), the commission shall apply all the following types of credits regardless of whether the credits were completed during the last academic year described in subsection (a)(6)(A) or (a)(6)(B):

(1) Credits earned from dual credit, advanced placement, Cambridge International, and international baccalaureate courses.

(2) College credits earned during high school.

(3) Credits earned exceeding thirty (30) credit hours during a previous academic year in which a student received state financial aid.

(c) The commission may allow a student who is otherwise ineligible under:

(1) section 6(b) of this chapter; or

(2) subsection (a)(6);

for an award during the next academic year to maintain eligibility **for a period of up to two (2) years** for an award if the student submits a petition to the commission and the commission makes a determination that extenuating circumstances (as determined by the commission) **or the observance of a religious discipline or call to mission** prevented the student from meeting the requirements under subsection (a)(6) **or**



1 **section 6(b) of this chapter.**

