

# HOUSE BILL No. 1273

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 20-12-76.

**Synopsis:** College scholarship program. Establishes the Indiana higher education scholarship program to provide scholarships for full-time undergraduate study to certain Indiana residents who attend institutions of higher education in Indiana, including proprietary institutions.

**Effective:** July 1, 2000.

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January 11, 2000, read first time and referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

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Second Regular Session 111th General Assembly (2000)

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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:*

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 20-12-76 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2000]:  
4 **Chapter 76. Indiana Higher Education Scholarship Program**  
5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "approved institution of higher**  
6 **learning" has the meaning set forth in IC 20-12-22.1-3.**  
7 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "commission" refers to the state**  
8 **student assistance commission established by IC 20-12-21-4.**  
9 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "educational costs" has the**  
10 **meaning set forth in IC 20-12-21-3(6).**  
11 **Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "eligible individual" means an**  
12 **individual who is identified by the commission as meeting the**  
13 **criteria to receive a scholarship under this chapter.**  
14 **Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "eligible institution" has the**  
15 **meaning set forth in IC 20-10.1-15-1.**  
16 **Sec. 6. As used in this chapter, "institution" refers to the**  
17 **following:**



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1           **(1) An approved institution of higher learning.**

2           **(2) An eligible institution.**

3           **Sec. 7. As used in this chapter, "program" refers to the Indiana**  
 4 **higher education scholarship program established by section 8 of**  
 5 **this chapter.**

6           **Sec. 8. The Indiana higher education scholarship program is**  
 7 **established.**

8           **Sec. 9. An eligible individual is entitled to a scholarship under**  
 9 **the program for educational costs for undergraduate study for**  
 10 **four (4) academic years (or the equivalent as determined by the**  
 11 **commission) at an approved institution of higher learning or an**  
 12 **eligible institution.**

13           **Sec. 10. The commission shall do the following:**

14           **(1) Determine eligibility, policy issues, and definitions for the**  
 15 **program.**

16           **(2) Identify eligible individuals.**

17           **(3) Administer the program.**

18           **(4) Adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to administer the program.**

19           **Sec. 11. (a) The commission shall establish criteria for eligibility**  
 20 **under the program that must include the following:**

21           **(1) For an initial scholarship, the following:**

22           **(A) Indiana residency for at least two (2) consecutive years**  
 23 **immediately before beginning a course of study at an**  
 24 **institution for which a scholarship is requested.**

25           **(B) Applying for enrollment at an institution for at least**  
 26 **twelve (12) credit hours per semester (or the equivalent as**  
 27 **determined by the commission).**

28           **(C) Maintenance of a grade average of at least a "B" or its**  
 29 **numeric equivalent.**

30           **(D) Earning an academic honors diploma.**

31           **(2) For a renewal scholarship, the following:**

32           **(A) Indiana residency for at least two (2) consecutive years**  
 33 **immediately before beginning a course of study at an**  
 34 **institution for which a renewal scholarship is requested.**

35           **(B) Enrollment at an institution for at least twelve (12)**  
 36 **credit hours per semester (or the equivalent as determined**  
 37 **by the commission).**

38           **(C) Maintenance of a grade average of at least a "C" or its**  
 39 **numeric equivalent.**

40           **(b) The commission may not require an eligible individual to**  
 41 **enroll in an institution in consecutive semesters or academic years**  
 42 **in order to be eligible for a scholarship.**



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1           **Sec. 12.** The amount of a scholarship under this chapter is the  
2 following:

3           (1) Two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for each semester that an  
4 eligible individual is enrolled in an institution for at least  
5 twelve (12) credit hours (or the equivalent as determined by  
6 the commission).

7           (2) A lifetime total for an eligible individual of two thousand  
8 dollars (\$2,000).

9           **Sec. 13.** (a) An institution that accepts an eligible individual for  
10 enrollment shall give written notice of acceptance to the  
11 commission. The institution is entitled to the payment of the value  
12 of the scholarship for credit only against the student's obligation  
13 for educational costs.

14           (b) The institution shall provide facilities and instruction to a  
15 student who receives a scholarship on the same terms as other  
16 students.

17           (c) If during an academic period a student enrolled in an  
18 institution under a scholarship issued under this chapter ceases for  
19 any reason to be a student in good standing, the institution shall  
20 promptly give written notice to the commission as to the student's  
21 change of status and the reason for the change. If under the  
22 institution's standards, a fee or charge that has been paid as part  
23 of a scholarship under this chapter would otherwise be remissible  
24 by the institution to the student, the institution shall remit the fee  
25 or charge up to the amount of the scholarship to the auditor of  
26 state.

27           **Sec. 14.** A student who receives a renewal scholarship may  
28 reenroll in the institution that the student attended while receiving  
29 a scholarship or enroll in another institution. In either event, the  
30 institution accepting the student shall notify the commission of the  
31 student's enrollment, is entitled to payment of the value of the  
32 student's scholarship, and is contractually obligated as for first  
33 year awards.

34           **Sec. 15.** The commission shall administer the records of each  
35 student who is attending an institution with a scholarship issued  
36 under this chapter. At the appropriate time, the commission shall  
37 certify to the auditor of state, in the manner prescribed by law, the  
38 current payment to be made to an institution under the program  
39 in accordance with an appropriate certificate of the institution  
40 presented by the time the payment is due under the rules of the  
41 institution applicable to students generally, after the tuition and  
42 necessary fees are fixed.

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