

# HOUSE BILL No. 2079

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

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

**Synopsis:** Hope scholarship. Establishes the Indiana hope scholarship program.

**Effective:** July 1, 2001.

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January 17, 2001, read first time and referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

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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, 2001]:

4 **Chapter 76. Indiana Hope Scholarship Program**

5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "B average" means a numbered**  
6 **grade average of at least 3.0 as calculated on a 4.0 scale.**

7 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "C+ average" means a numbered**  
8 **grade average of at least 2.5 as calculated on a 4.0 scale.**

9 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "commission" refers to the state**  
10 **student assistance commission established under IC 20-12-21-4.**

11 **Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "eligible student" means an**  
12 **individual who meets the following criteria:**

- 13 (1) **Resides in Indiana.**
- 14 (2) **Has graduated from an Indiana public, private, or home**  
15 **school.**
- 16 (3) **Meets the academic requirements set forth in section 10 of**  
17 **this chapter.**



1           **Sec. 5.** As used in this chapter, "fund" refers to the Indiana hope  
2 scholarship fund established under section 14 of this chapter.

3           **Sec. 6.** As used in this chapter, "hope scholarship" refers to the  
4 financial assistance provided to a student under section 12 of this  
5 chapter.

6           **Sec. 7.** As used in this chapter, "institution of higher learning"  
7 means the following:

8           (1) A state educational institution (as defined in  
9 IC 20-12-0.5-1).

10           (2) A private institution of higher education (as defined in  
11 IC 20-12-63-3).

12           (3) A postsecondary proprietary educational institution (as  
13 defined in IC 20-1-19-1) that is accredited by an accrediting  
14 agency recognized by the United States Department of  
15 Education.

16           **Sec. 8.** As used in this chapter, "program" refers to the Indiana  
17 hope scholarship program established under section 9 of this  
18 chapter.

19           **Sec. 9.** The Indiana hope scholarship program is established to  
20 do the following:

21           (1) Increase the number of students entering institutions of  
22 higher learning.

23           (2) Encourage eligible students to attend institutions of higher  
24 learning by reducing the financial burden on the eligible  
25 students and their families.

26           (3) Increase individual economic vitality.

27           (4) Improve the overall quality of life for many Indiana  
28 residents.

29           **Sec. 10. (a)** As used in this section, "standardized tests scores"  
30 refers to either the scholastic aptitude test (SAT) or the ACT.

31           **(b)** To become an eligible student, an otherwise qualified student  
32 must meet the academic requirements set forth in this section.

33           **(c)** Except as provided in subsection (e), a student must graduate  
34 from an Indiana public, private, or home school with a "B"  
35 average in a calendar year beginning after December 31, 2000. The  
36 commission shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to determine an  
37 equivalency formula using standardized test scores to assign a  
38 grade point average to a home school graduate.

39           **(d)** Except as provided in subsection (e), an eligible student must  
40 maintain a "B" average while attending an institution of higher  
41 learning to retain a hope scholarship awarded under this chapter.

42           **(e)** This subsection applies only to a student enrolled in a

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1 technical or vocational program at Ivy Tech State College or an  
 2 accredited postsecondary proprietary educational institution. For  
 3 non-degree programs, there are no academic eligibility  
 4 requirements for receiving a hope scholarship under this chapter.  
 5 For degree programs, a student must graduate from high school  
 6 with a "C+" average. An eligible student enrolled in a degree  
 7 program must maintain a "C+" average to retain a hope  
 8 scholarship awarded under this chapter.

9 (f) A student who:

10 (1) graduated from an Indiana public, private, or home school  
 11 in calendar year 2000;

12 (2) resides in Indiana;

13 (3) is enrolled in an institution of higher learning; and

14 (4) maintains the appropriate minimum grade point average  
 15 set forth in either subsection (d) or (e) for retaining a hope  
 16 scholarship after at least thirty (30) credit hours of study at  
 17 an institution using a semester system or forty-five (45) credit  
 18 hours of study at an institution using a quarter system;

19 is eligible to receive a hope scholarship under this chapter. The  
 20 student must comply with either subsection (d) or (e) to retain the  
 21 hope scholarship.

22 (g) A student who:

23 (1) graduated from an Indiana public, private, or home school  
 24 in calendar year 1999;

25 (2) resides in Indiana;

26 (3) is enrolled in an institution of higher learning; and

27 (4) maintains the appropriate minimum grade point average  
 28 set forth in either subsection (d) or (e) for retaining a hope  
 29 scholarship after at least sixty (60) credit hours of study at an  
 30 institution using a semester system or ninety (90) credit hours  
 31 of study at an institution using a quarter system;

32 is eligible to receive a hope scholarship under this chapter. The  
 33 student must comply with either subsection (d) or (e) to retain the  
 34 hope scholarship.

35 Sec. 11. Beginning with the academic year that begins after July  
 36 1, 2001, the commission shall provide each eligible student with an  
 37 Indiana hope scholarship in the amount set forth under section 12  
 38 of this chapter.

39 Sec. 12. (a) This subsection applies to a student attending a state  
 40 institution of higher learning. A hope scholarship provided under  
 41 the program for each semester of the academic year equals the sum  
 42 of the following:



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1 (1) An amount sufficient to offset the costs of tuition at the  
2 state institution of higher learning.

3 (2) An amount sufficient to offset the other regularly assessed  
4 fees incurred by the student in attending the state institution  
5 of higher learning.

6 (3) A one hundred fifty dollar (\$150) textbook allowance.

7 (b) This subsection applies to a student attending a private  
8 institution of higher education. A hope scholarship provided under  
9 the program equals four thousand dollars (\$4,000) for the  
10 academic year.

11 (c) This subsection applies to a student attending a  
12 postsecondary proprietary educational institution. A hope  
13 scholarship provided under the program for each quarter of the  
14 academic year equals the sum of the following:

15 (1) An amount sufficient to offset the costs of tuition at the  
16 institution.

17 (2) An amount sufficient to offset the other regularly assessed  
18 fees incurred by the student in attending the institution.

19 (3) A one hundred dollar (\$100) textbook allowance.

20 Sec. 13. If a student's hope scholarship is revoked for failing to  
21 maintain the minimum grade point average required under section  
22 10 of this chapter within the student's first two (2) years of study  
23 at an institution of higher education, the student may regain the  
24 hope scholarship by reestablishing the required minimum grade  
25 point average in the subsequent academic year.

26 Sec. 14. (a) The Indiana hope scholarship fund is established to  
27 provide the financial resources necessary to award the hope  
28 scholarships authorized under the program.

29 (b) The fund consists of the following:

30 (1) Appropriations from the general assembly.

31 (2) Gifts and grants to the fund.

32 (3) Investment income earned on the fund's assets.

33 (c) The commission shall administer the fund.

34 (d) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from  
35 money in the fund.

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

39 (f) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not  
40 revert to the state general fund.

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