

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 505

BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO EDUCATION; AMENDING SECTION 33-4605, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PRO-
2 VISIONS REGARDING THE POSTSECONDARY CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP AND TO MAKE A
3 TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EF-
4 FECTIVE DATE.
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6 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

7 SECTION 1. That Section 33-4605, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
8 amended to read as follows:

9 33-4605. POSTSECONDARY CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP. (1) Subject to the provi-
10 sions of subsections (2), (3) and (4) of this section, beginning with the
11 spring 2016 graduating class:

12 (a) Any student who has earned at least ten (10) postsecondary semester
13 credits upon graduation from an accredited high school in Idaho, or its
14 equivalent, shall be entitled to a postsecondary credit scholarship in
15 ~~the~~ an amount of up to two thousand dollars (\$2,000) that shall be used
16 for tuition and fees at any eligible institution.

17 (b) Any student who has earned at least twenty (20) postsecondary
18 semester credits upon graduation from an accredited high school in
19 Idaho, or its equivalent, shall be entitled to a postsecondary credit
20 scholarship in ~~the~~ an amount of up to four thousand dollars (\$4,000)
21 that shall be used for tuition and fees at any eligible institution.

22 (c) Any student who has earned an associate degree from an accredited
23 institution upon graduation from an accredited high school in Idaho, or
24 its equivalent, shall be entitled to a postsecondary credit scholarship
25 in the amount of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) that shall be used for
26 tuition and fees at any eligible institution.

27 (2) For subsection (1)(a) and (b) of this section, the award amount
28 shall be limited by the number of credits accepted by the eligible institu-
29 tion where the scholarship is to be applied. For subsection (1)(a) through
30 (c) of this section, the awards shall be annual awards and one-quarter (1/4)
31 of the scholarship amount the student is entitled to shall be distributed
32 in each semester of full-time attendance until the total scholarship is ex-
33 pended or expires.

34 (3) In order to be eligible for a full postsecondary credit scholarship
35 set forth in subsection (1) of this section:

36 (a) The student must be awarded a postsecondary ~~merit-based~~ matching
37 scholarship in an amount at least equal to the postsecondary credit
38 scholarship amount awarded in the same school year, provided that the
39 matching funds for each scholarship must come from a business or indus-
40 try, or entities representing business or industry, and may not be from
41 appropriated or nonappropriated funds of the postsecondary institution
42 or from a foundation affiliated with the postsecondary institution,

1 unless the funds were donated to the postsecondary institution specifi-
2 cally as a match for the postsecondary credit scholarship program;

3 (b) The student must have graduated from an accredited high school in
4 Idaho, or its equivalent; and

5 (c) Except for the first semester in which the postsecondary credit
6 scholarship amount is distributed, in order to receive the scholarship
7 distribution in a given semester, the student must have successfully
8 ~~passed~~ earned at least twelve (12) credits during the immediately pre-
9 ceding semester in which the scholarship was distributed.

10 (4) Eligible students will be awarded the postsecondary credit schol-
11 arship based on grade point average rank subject to annual legislative ap-
12 propriation.

13 (5) A student shall use the postsecondary credit scholarship within
14 four (4) years of his or her high school graduation date, at which time the
15 scholarship shall expire and may no longer be used.

16 (6) A student is entitled to only one (1) of the postsecondary credit
17 scholarships amounts set forth in subsection (1) of this section.

18 (7) If a student has been awarded scholarships that pay for one hun-
19 dred percent (100%) of the cost of tuition and fees, then part or all of the
20 remaining postsecondary credit scholarship moneys may be used for room and
21 board at the discretion of the eligible institution where the student will
22 attend.

23 (8) This section shall be funded from the advanced opportunities
24 program within the educational support program. The state department of
25 education shall pass through to the office of the state board of education
26 the necessary amount for distribution not to exceed one million dollars
27 (\$1,000,000) in fiscal year 2017, and not to exceed two million dollars
28 (\$2,000,000) in fiscal year 2018, and every fiscal year thereafter.

29 (9) No later than January 15 of each year, the state board of education
30 shall report to the senate and the house of representatives education com-
31 mittees the number of scholarships awarded pursuant to this section during
32 the previous school year. The report shall include the total amount of mon-
33 eys distributed for the scholarships.

34 (10) For the purposes of this section, "eligible institution" has the
35 same meaning as provided in section 33-4303(2) (b), Idaho Code.

36 ~~(11) As used in this section, "merit-based scholarship" means a schol-~~
37 ~~arship in which academic achievement at the high school level is a minimum~~
38 ~~eligibility requirement and awards are made based on the achievement of the~~
39 ~~student.~~

40 SECTION 2. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby
41 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after
42 July 1, 2022.