

NEW CENTURY SCHOLARSHIP AMENDMENTS

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STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies the requirements to qualify for a New Century scholarship.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ allows a student to qualify for a New Century scholarship who completes an approved math and science curriculum;
- ▶ requires scholarship requirements to be completed with at least a B average;
- ▶ requires the State Board of Regents to approve a math and science curriculum; and
- ▶ makes technical corrections.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

53B-8-105, as last amended by Chapter 150, Laws of Utah 2002

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **53B-8-105** is amended to read:

53B-8-105. New Century scholarships -- High school requirements.



(1) (a) In addition to Centennial Scholarships awarded under Section 53A-15-102 and Career Teaching Scholarships awarded under Title 53B, Chapter 10, Terrel H. Bell Teaching Incentive Loan Program, the State Board of Regents and the State Board of Education shall jointly award New Century scholarships ~~[to students in Utah schools who complete the requirements for an associate degree by September 1 of the year their class graduates from high school]~~.

(b) In order to qualify for a New Century scholarship, a student in Utah schools shall complete the requirements for an:

(i) associate degree; or

(ii) approved math and science curriculum.

(c) The requirements under Subsection (1)(b) shall be completed:

(i) September 1 of the year the student's class graduates from high school; and

(ii) with at least a "B average" or 3.0 grade point average.

(d) The State Board of Regents shall develop and approve the math and science curriculum described under Subsection (1)(b)(ii).

(2) (a) The scholarship may be used at any higher education institution in the state accredited by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges that offers baccalaureate programs.

(b) (i) If used at an institution within the state system of higher education, the scholarship is equal in value to 75% of the tuition costs at the selected institution.

(ii) If used at an institution not within the state system of higher education, the scholarship is equal in value to 75% of the tuition costs at the institution, not to exceed 75% of the average tuition costs at the institutions referred in Subsection (2)(b)(i).

(c) Each scholarship is valid for up to two years of full-time equivalent enrollment, or until the requirements for a baccalaureate degree have been met, whichever is shorter.

(d) The State Board of Regents may grant a leave of absence to a scholarship holder, but the scholarship must be used in its entirety within five years after completion of high school.

(3) The New Century scholarship may be canceled at any time by the institution of attendance if the student fails to:

(a) maintain a "B average" for two consecutive semesters; or

(b) make reasonable progress towards the completion of a baccalaureate degree.

(4) (a) The Legislature shall make an annual appropriation from the General Fund to the State Board of Regents for the costs associated with the New Century scholarship program authorized under this section.

(b) It is understood that the appropriation is offset in part by the state moneys that would otherwise be required and appropriated for these students if they were enrolled in a four-year postsecondary program at a state-operated institution.

(c) Notwithstanding Subsections (1) and (2), if the appropriation under Subsection (4)(a) is insufficient to cover the costs associated with the New Century scholarship program, the State Board of Regents may limit or reduce scholarships.

(5) This section does not apply to a student who completes an associate of applied technology degree from the Utah College of Applied Technology.

Legislative Review Note

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Based on a limited legal review, this legislation has not been determined to have a high probability of being held unconstitutional.

Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel

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State Impact

No fiscal impact.

Individual and Business Impact

No fiscal impact.

Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst