

TECHNICAL COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP AMENDMENTS

2019 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Keith Grover

House Sponsor: Derrin R. Owens

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends provisions related to technical college scholarships.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ amends provisions related to a student's eligibility for a technical college scholarship, including provisions related to programs and timing; and
- ▶ requires the Utah System of Technical Colleges Board of Trustees to designate certain programs as high demand programs.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

This bill provides a special effective date.

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

53B-2a-116, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 79

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

Section 1. Section **53B-2a-116** is amended to read:

53B-2a-116. Technical college scholarships.



28 (1) As used in this section:

29 (a) "High demand program" means a program ~~[that:]~~ designated by the board of
30 trustees in accordance with Subsection (7).

31 ~~[(i) prepares an individual to work in a targeted job; and]~~

32 ~~[(ii) is offered by a technical college.]~~

33 (b) "Institution of higher education" means an institution within the Utah System of
34 Higher Education described in Subsection 53B-1-102(1)(a).

35 (c) "Membership hour" means 60 minutes of scheduled instruction provided by a
36 technical college to a student enrolled in the technical college.

37 (d) "Scholarship" means a technical college scholarship described in this section.

38 ~~[(e) "Targeted job" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53B-7-702.]~~

39 (e) "Technical college service area" means the same as that term is defined in Section
40 53B-2a-108.

41 (2) (a) Subject to future budget constraints, the Legislature shall annually appropriate
42 money to the board of trustees to be distributed to technical colleges to award scholarships.

43 (b) The board of trustees shall annually distribute:

44 (i) 50% of the appropriation described in Subsection (2)(a) to each technical college in
45 an equal amount; and

46 (ii) 50% of the appropriation described in Subsection (2)(a) to each technical college
47 based on the technical college's prior year share of secondary student membership hours
48 completed at all technical colleges.

49 (3) In accordance with the rules described in Subsection (6), a technical college may
50 award a scholarship to an individual who:

51 (a) graduates or will graduate from high school within the ~~[seven]~~ 12 months prior to
52 the individual receiving a scholarship;

53 (b) is enrolled in, or intends to enroll in, a high demand program; and

54 (c) while the individual is enrolled in a secondary school, makes satisfactory progress
55 in a career and technical education pathway offered by:

56 (i) a technical college;

57 (ii) an institution of higher education; or

58 (iii) a school district or charter school.

59 (4) Subject to Subsection (5), a technical college may award a scholarship for an
60 amount of money up to the total cost of tuition, program fees, and required textbooks for the
61 high demand program in which the scholarship recipient is enrolled or intends to enroll.

62 (5) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (5)(b), a technical college may only apply a
63 scholarship toward a scholarship recipient's costs described in Subsection (4) from the day on
64 which the technical college awards the scholarship until [~~seven~~] 12 months after the day on
65 which the scholarship recipient graduates from high school.

66 (b) (i) A technical college may defer a scholarship for up to three years after the day on
67 which the scholarship recipient graduates from high school.

68 (ii) A technical college that defers a scholarship may apply the scholarship toward the
69 scholarship recipient's costs described in Subsection (4) for up to a total of [~~seven~~] 12 months.

70 (c) A technical college may cancel a scholarship if the scholarship recipient does not:

71 (i) maintain enrollment in the technical college on at least a half time basis, as
72 determined by the technical college; or

73 (ii) make satisfactory progress toward the completion of a certificate.

74 (6) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the
75 board of trustees shall make rules that establish:

76 (a) requirements related to a technical college's administration of a scholarship
77 described in this section;

78 (b) requirements related to eligibility for a scholarship, including requiring technical
79 colleges to prioritize scholarships for underserved populations;

80 (c) a process for an individual to apply to a technical college to receive a scholarship;
81 and

82 (d) how to determine satisfactory progress for purposes described in Subsections (3)(c)
83 and (5)(c)(ii).

84 (7) Every other year, after consulting with the Department of Workforce Services, the
85 board of trustees shall designate, as a high demand program, a technical college program that
86 prepares an individual to work in a job that has, in Utah or in the technical college service area:

87 (a) high employer demand and high median hourly wages; or

88 (b) significant industry importance.

89 Section 2. **Effective date.**

90 If approved by two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, this bill takes effect
91 upon approval by the governor, or the day following the constitutional time limit of Utah
92 Constitution, Article VII, Section 8, without the governor's signature, or in the case of a veto,
93 the date of veto override.