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HOUSE BILL No. 105

(By Mr. Seibert)

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AN ACT to amend and reenact section six, article twenty-two-b, chapter eighteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to recipients, awards and distribution of awards of scholarships established and authorized by said article twenty-two-b, and providing limitations on such scholarships.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia: .

That section six, article twenty-two-b, chapter eighteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 22B. STATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

§18-22B-6. Recipients, awards and distribution of awards of scholarships.

  1 The scholarship recipient shall be free to attend any approved institution of higher education in this state. The institution is not required to accept the scholarship recipient for enrollment, but is free to exact compliance with its own admission requirements, standards and policies.
  2 Scholarship grants shall be made to undergraduate students only.
  3 Each scholarship is renewable until the course of study is completed, but not to exceed an additional three academic
years beyond the first year of the award. These may not neces-
sarily be consecutive years and the scholarship will be termi-
nated if the student receives his degree in a shorter period of
time. Qualifications for renewal will include maintaining sat-
isfactory academic standing, making normal progress toward
completion of the course of study and continued eligibility, as
determined by the commission.

Scholarship awards shall be made without regard to the ap-
plicant’s race, creed, color, sex, national origin or ancestry; and
in making scholarship awards, the commission shall treat all
approved institutions of higher education in a fair and equitable
manner. The commission from time to time shall identify
areas of professional, vocational and technical expertise that
are, or will be, of critical need in this state and, to the extent
feasible, may direct scholarship grants to students that are
pursuing instruction in those areas.

Scholarship awards shall be limited to the lesser of the pay-
ment of tuition and those related compulsory fees charged by
an institution to all West Virginia undergraduate students, or an
amount equal to the average state general fund support for
each full-time-equivalent student in the state four-year colleges
for the preceding academic year as calculated by the board of
regents.

Payments of scholarships shall be made directly to the in-
stitution.

In the event that a scholarship recipient transfers from one
approved institution of higher education to another, his schol-
arship shall be transferable only with the approval of the com-
mission.

Should the recipient terminate his enrollment for any reason
during the academic year, the unused portion of the scholarship
shall be returned to the commission by the institution accord-
ing to the institution’s own policy for issuing refunds.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.
Takes effect July 1, 1974.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

The within ___________ this the 2nd
day of ___________ July, 1974.

Governor
PRESENTED TO THE
GOVERNOR

Date 6/28/74
Time 1:40 P.M.