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SENATE BILL NO. 312

(By Mr. Tinkswill)

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Senate Bill No. 312
(By Mr. Tonkovich)

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AN ACT to amend and reenact sections five and six, article twenty-two-b, chapter eighteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, to include approved three-year registered nurse diploma programs which are offered at nonprofit West Virginia hospitals as programs in which recipients of state scholarship awards may participate.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That sections five and 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-5. Eligibility for a scholarship.

1 A person shall be eligible for consideration for a scholarship if:
2 (1) He is a citizen of the United States;
3 (2) He has been a resident of the state for one year immediately preceding the date of his application for a scholarship or a renewal of a scholarship;
4 (3) He meets the admission requirements of the approved institution of higher education of his choice, or meets the admission requirements of a three-year registered nurse diploma program which is offered by a nonprofit West Virginia hospital and approved by the West Virginia board of examiners for registered professional nurses;
(4) He satisfactorily meets the qualifications of financial need, character and academic promise, as well as academic achievement, as established by the board of regents.

§18-22B-6. Recipients, awards and distribution of awards of scholarships; authority of board of regents to enter into reciprocal agreements with other states concerning scholarships.

The scholarship recipient shall be free to attend any approved institution of higher education in this state or any three-year registered nurse diploma program which is approved by the West Virginia board of examiners for registered professional nurses and which is offered at a nonprofit West Virginia hospital.

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.

Scholarship grants shall only be made to undergraduate students and to students enrolled in approved three-year registered nurse diploma programs, as provided in this article.

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 necessarily be consecutive years and the scholarship will be terminated if the student receives his degree in a shorter period of time. Qualifications for renewal will include maintaining satisfactory academic standing, making normal progress toward completion of the course of study and continued eligibility, as determined by the board of regents.

Scholarship awards shall be made without regard to the applicant’s race, creed, color, sex, national origin or ancestry; and in making scholarship awards, the board of regents shall treat all approved institutions of higher education in a fair and equitable manner. The board of regents 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.

The board of regents may enter into reciprocal agreements with state scholarship and grant program agencies in other states which provide financial assistance to their residents attending institutions of higher education located in West Virginia. In connection therewith, the board of regents may authorize residents of West Virginia to use financial assistance under this article to attend institutions of higher education in such other states. Residents of West Virginia requesting financial assistance to attend institutions of higher education located in any such states must meet all of the eligibility standards set forth in section five of this article.

Scholarship awards shall be limited to the lesser of the payment 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 institution.

In the event that a scholarship recipient transfers from one approved institution of higher education or approved three-year registered nurse diploma program, to another approved institution of higher education or approved three-year registered nurse diploma program, his scholarship shall be transferable only with the approval of the board of regents.

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

James L. Davis  
Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

To take effect ninety days from passage.

V. C. Webber  
Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

W. D. Brotherton  
President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

The within _______ is approved _______ this the ______ of _______.  
March 1980.  
Governor