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SENATE BILL NO. 312

(By Mr. Tenlovich)

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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
2 scholarship if:

3 (1) He is a citizen of the United States;

4 (2) He has been a resident of the state for one year
5 immediately preceding the date of his application for a
6 scholarship or a renewal of a scholarship;

7 (3) He meets the admission requirements of the
8 approved institution of higher education of his choice,
9 or meets the admission requirements of a three-year
10 registered nurse diploma program which is offered by a
11 nonprofit West Virginia hospital and approved by the
12 West Virginia board of examiners for registered profes-
13 sional nurses;

14 (4) He satisfactorily meets the qualifications of
15 financial need, character and academic promise, as well
16 as academic achievement, as established by the board
17 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.**

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

7 The institution is not required to accept the scholar-
8 ship recipient for enrollment, but is free to exact com-
9 pliance with its own admission requirements, standards
10 and policies.

11 Scholarship grants shall only be made to under-
12 graduate students and to students enrolled in approved
13 three-year registered nurse diploma programs, as pro-
14 vided in this article.

15 Each scholarship is renewable until the course of study
16 is completed, but not to exceed an additional three aca-
17 demic years beyond the first year of the award. These
18 may not necessarily be consecutive years and the scholar-
19 ship will be terminated if the student receives his degree
20 in a shorter period of time. Qualifications for renewal will
21 include maintaining satisfactory academic standing, mak-
22 ing normal progress toward completion of the course of
23 study and continued eligibility, as determined by the
24 board of regents.

25 Scholarship awards shall be made without regard to
26 the applicant's race, creed, color, sex, national origin or
27 ancestry; and in making scholarship awards, the board
28 of regents shall treat all approved institutions of higher
29 education in a fair and equitable manner. The board of
30 regents from time to time shall identify areas of pro-
31 fessional, vocational and technical expertise that are, or
32 will be, of critical need in this state and, to the extent

33 feasible, may direct scholarship grants to students that
34 are pursuing instruction in those areas.

35 The board of regents may enter into reciprocal agree-
36 ments with state scholarship and grant program agencies
37 in other states which provide financial assistance to their
38 residents attending institutions of higher education
39 located in West Virginia. In connection therewith, the
40 board of regents may authorize residents of West Virginia
41 to use financial assistance under this article to attend
42 institutions of higher education in such other states.
43 Residents of West Virginia requesting financial assistance
44 to attend institutions of higher education located in any
45 such states must meet all of the eligibility standards
46 set forth in section five of this article.

47 Scholarship awards shall be limited to the lesser of the
48 payment of tuition and those related compulsory fees
49 charged by an institution to all West Virginia under-
50 graduate students, or an amount equal to the average
51 state general fund support for each full-time equivalent
52 student in the state four-year colleges for the preceding
53 academic year as calculated by the board of regents.

54 Payments of scholarships shall be made directly to the
55 institution.

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

63 Should the recipient terminate his enrollment for any
64 reason during the academic year, the unused portion of
65 the scholarship shall be returned to the board of regents
66 by the institution according to the institution's own
67 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

Clarence C. Chustion Jr.
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

To take effect ninety days from passage.

Todd C. Welch
Clerk of the Senate

C. A. Blankenship
Clerk of the House of Delegates

W. P. Brooke
President of the Senate

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Speaker House of Delegates

The within *is approved* this the *24*
day of *March*, 1980.

Philip D. Ray
Governor



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