

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 685

BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO EDUCATION; AMENDING SECTION 33-4605, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PRO-  
2 VISIONS REGARDING THE POSTSECONDARY CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP; AND DECLARING  
3 AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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5 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

6 SECTION 1. That Section 33-4605, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby  
7 amended to read as follows:

8 33-4605. POSTSECONDARY CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP. (1) Subject to the provi-  
9 sions of subsections (2), (3) and (4) of this section, beginning with the  
10 spring 2016 graduating class:

11 (a) Any student who has earned at least ten (10) postsecondary semester  
12 credits upon graduation from an accredited high school in Idaho, or its  
13 equivalent, shall be entitled to a postsecondary credit scholarship in  
14 ~~the~~ an amount of up to two thousand dollars (\$2,000) that shall be used  
15 for tuition and fees at any eligible institution.

16 (b) Any student who has earned at least twenty (20) postsecondary  
17 semester credits upon graduation from an accredited high school in  
18 Idaho, or its equivalent, shall be entitled to a postsecondary credit  
19 scholarship in ~~the~~ an amount of up to four thousand dollars (\$4,000)  
20 that shall be used for tuition and fees at any eligible institution.

21 (c) Any student who has earned an associate degree from an accredited  
22 institution upon graduation from an accredited high school in Idaho, or  
23 its equivalent, shall be entitled to a postsecondary credit scholarship  
24 in the amount of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) that shall be used for  
25 tuition and fees at any eligible institution.

26 (2) For subsection (1) (a) and (b) of this section, the award amount  
27 shall be limited by the number of credits accepted by the eligible institu-  
28 tion where the scholarship is to be applied. For subsection (1) (a) through  
29 (c) of this section, the awards shall be annual awards and one-quarter (1/4)  
30 of the scholarship amount the student is entitled to shall be distributed  
31 in each semester of full-time attendance until the total scholarship is ex-  
32 pended or expires.

33 (3) In order to be eligible for a full postsecondary credit scholarship  
34 set forth in subsection (1) of this section:

35 (a) The student must be awarded a postsecondary ~~merit-based~~ matching  
36 scholarship in an amount at least equal to the postsecondary credit  
37 scholarship amount awarded in the same school year, provided that the  
38 matching funds for each scholarship must come from a business or indus-  
39 try, or entities representing business or industry, and may not be from  
40 appropriated or nonappropriated funds of the postsecondary institution  
41 or from a foundation affiliated with the postsecondary institution,

1 unless the funds were donated to the postsecondary institution specifi-  
2 cally as a match for the postsecondary credit scholarship program;

3 (b) The student must have graduated from an accredited high school in  
4 Idaho, or its equivalent; and

5 (c) Except for the first semester in which the postsecondary credit  
6 scholarship amount is distributed, in order to receive the scholarship  
7 distribution in a given semester, the student must have successfully  
8 ~~passed~~ earned at least twelve (12) credits during the immediately pre-  
9 ceding semester in which the scholarship was distributed.

10 (4) Eligible students will be awarded the postsecondary credit schol-  
11 arship based on grade point average rank subject to annual legislative ap-  
12 propriation.

13 (5) A student shall use the postsecondary credit scholarship within  
14 four (4) years of his or her high school graduation date, at which time the  
15 scholarship shall expire and may no longer be used.

16 (6) A student is entitled to only one (1) of the postsecondary credit  
17 scholarships amounts set forth in subsection (1) of this section.

18 (7) If a student has been awarded scholarships that pay for one hun-  
19 dred percent (100%) of the cost of tuition and fees, then part or all of the  
20 remaining postsecondary credit scholarship moneys may be used for room and  
21 board at the discretion of the eligible institution where the student will  
22 attend.

23 (8) This section shall be funded from the advanced opportunities  
24 program within the educational support program. The state department of  
25 education shall pass through to the office of the state board of education  
26 the necessary amount for distribution not to exceed one million dollars  
27 (\$1,000,000) in fiscal year 2017, and not to exceed two million dollars  
28 (\$2,000,000) in fiscal year 2018, and every fiscal year thereafter.

29 (9) No later than January 15 of each year, the state board of education  
30 shall report to the senate and the house of representatives education com-  
31 mittees the number of scholarships awarded pursuant to this section during  
32 the previous school year. The report shall include the total amount of mon-  
33 eys distributed for the scholarships.

34 (10) For the purposes of this section, "eligible institution" has the  
35 same meaning as provided in section 33-4303(2) (b), Idaho Code.

36 (11) ~~As used in this section, "merit-based scholarship" means a schol-~~  
37 ~~arship in which academic achievement at the high school level is a minimum~~  
38 ~~eligibility requirement and awards are made based on the achievement of the~~  
39 ~~student. Matching business or industry scholarships must be competitively~~  
40 ~~awarded, must be available to all eligible students, and may not be awarded~~  
41 ~~by a relative or a business owned or administered by a relative. As used~~  
42 ~~in this section, "relative" shall mean any person related to the student by~~  
43 ~~blood or marriage within the second degree of affinity or consanguinity.~~

44 SECTION 2. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby  
45 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after  
46 July 1, 2022.