



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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(As Introduced)

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BILL SUMMARY

- Creates the GED Grant Program for undergraduate students who have earned high school equivalence diplomas and are enrolled in two-year state institutions of higher education.
- Makes an appropriation.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

GED Grant Program

The bill requires the Chancellor of Higher Education to establish and administer a program to provide grants to students who:

- (1) Are enrolled in a certificate program or an associate degree program at a community college, state community college, or technical college;
- (2) Are residents of Ohio, as defined by the Chancellor;¹
- (3) Are making satisfactory academic progress, as defined by the financial aid office at the college in which the student is enrolled;
- (4) Have attained and maintain a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale, or the equivalent; *and*

¹ R.C. 3333.31, not in the bill.

(5) Have obtained a high school equivalence diploma on or after the first academic year that begins after the bill's effective date.²

The grants would be in the amount of \$250 per student per semester, for not more than four semesters, that the student is enrolled in the certificate program or undergraduate program. The number of grants awarded for an academic year cannot exceed the number that can be funded with appropriations made by the General Assembly for that purpose. If the number of eligible students who apply for a grant exceeds the number available based on the appropriation, grants are to be awarded, apportioned, or prorated in the manner determined by the Chancellor.³

The bill makes an appropriation from the GRF for purposes of the Program, but the appropriation will need to be updated to apply beyond fiscal year 2016, which ends June 30, 2016.

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	02-23-15

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² R.C. 3333.27(A) and (B).

³ R.C. 3333.27(B) to (D).

