

SENATE BILL NO. 113—COMMITTEE ON HUMAN  
RESOURCES AND FACILITIES

(ON BEHALF OF UNIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
SYSTEM OF NEVADA)

FEBRUARY 13, 2001

Referred to Committee on Human Resources and Facilities

SUMMARY—Increases amount of millennium scholarship for upper division courses at community colleges and authorizes award of millennium scholarship to student enrolled in state college established by University and Community College System of Nevada. (BDR 34-433)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to education; increasing the amount of millennium scholarships for upper division courses at community colleges; authorizing the award of millennium scholarships to students who are enrolled in state colleges established by the University and Community College System of Nevada; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1     **Section 1.** NRS 396.911 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2     396.911 1. The legislature hereby declares that its priorities in  
3     expending the proceeds to the State of Nevada from settlement agreements  
4     with and civil actions against manufacturers of tobacco products are:  
5     (a) To increase the number of Nevada students who attend and graduate  
6     from Nevada institutions of higher education; and  
7     (b) To assist Nevada residents in obtaining and maintaining good  
8     health.  
9     2. To further these priorities, the legislature hereby declares that it is in  
10    the best interest of the residents of the State of Nevada that all money  
11    received by the State of Nevada pursuant to any settlement entered into by  
12    the State of Nevada and a manufacturer of tobacco products and all money  
13    recovered by the State of Nevada from a judgment in a civil action against  
14    a manufacturer of tobacco products be dedicated solely toward the  
15    achievement of the following goals:



1 (a) Increasing the number of residents of the State of Nevada who enroll  
2 in and attend a university , *state college* or community college of the  
3 University and Community College System of Nevada;

4 (b) Reducing and preventing the use of tobacco products, alcohol and  
5 illegal drugs, especially by children;

6 (c) Expanding the availability of health insurance and health care for  
7 children and adults in this state, especially for children and for adults with  
8 disabilities;

9 (d) Assisting senior citizens who have modest incomes in purchasing  
10 prescription drugs and assisting those senior citizens in meeting their needs  
11 related to health care, home care, respite care and their ability to live  
12 independent of institutional care; and

13 (e) Promoting the general health of all residents of the State of Nevada.

14 **Sec. 2.** NRS 396.930 is hereby amended to read as follows:

15 396.930 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 2 and 3, a  
16 student may apply to the board of regents for a millennium scholarship if  
17 he:

18 (a) Has been a resident of this state for at least 2 years before he applies  
19 for the scholarship;

20 (b) Graduated from a public or private high school in this state:

21 (1) After May 1, 2000; and

22 (2) Not more than 8 years before he applies for the scholarship;

23 (c) Maintained at least a 3.0 grade-point average on a 4.0 grading scale  
24 in high school in the core curriculum, as determined by the board of  
25 regents pursuant to subsection 2; and

26 (d) Is enrolled in at least 12 semester credit hours in a university *or a*  
27 *state college established by the system* or at least 6 semester credit hours in  
28 a community college.

29 2. The board of regents shall:

30 (a) Define the core curriculum that a student must complete in high  
31 school to be eligible for a millennium scholarship.

32 (b) Develop a plan to ensure that needy students and students from  
33 families that otherwise could not afford to send their children to college  
34 receive millennium scholarships.

35 3. For students who did not graduate from a public or private high  
36 school in this state and who have been residents of this state for at least 2  
37 years, the board of regents shall establish:

38 (a) The minimum score on a standardized test that such students must  
39 receive; or

40 (b) Other criteria that students must meet,  
41 to be eligible for millennium scholarships.

42 4. In awarding scholarships, the board of regents shall enhance its  
43 outreach to students who:

44 (a) Are pursuing a career in education or health care;

45 (b) Come from families who lack sufficient financial resources to pay  
46 for the costs of sending their children to a university , *state college* or  
47 community college; or

48 (c) Substantially participated in an anti-smoking, anti-drug or anti-  
49 alcohol program during high school.



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1     **Sec. 3.** NRS 396.934 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2     396.934 1. Within the limits of money available in the trust fund, a  
3 student who is eligible for a millennium scholarship is entitled to receive:

4     (a) If he is enrolled in a community college, \$40 per credit for *each*  
5 *lower division course and \$60 per credit for each upper division course*  
6 *in* which the student is enrolled, or the amount of money that is necessary  
7 for the student to pay the costs of attending the community college that are  
8 not otherwise satisfied by other grants or scholarships, whichever is less.

9 *The board of regents shall provide for the designation of upper and lower*  
10 *division courses for the purposes of this paragraph.*

11     (b) *If he is enrolled in a state college established by the system, \$60*  
12 *per credit for which the student is enrolled, or the amount of money that*  
13 *is necessary for the student to pay the costs of attending the state college*  
14 *that are not otherwise satisfied by other grants or scholarships,*  
15 *whichever is less.*

16     (c) If he is enrolled in a university, \$80 per credit for which the student  
17 is enrolled, or the amount of money that is necessary for the student to pay  
18 the costs of attending the university that are not otherwise satisfied by other  
19 grants or scholarships, whichever is less.

20 No student may be awarded a scholarship for a total amount in excess of  
21 \$10,000.

22     2. A student who receives a millennium scholarship shall:

23     (a) Make satisfactory academic progress toward a recognized degree or  
24 certificate, as determined by the board of regents pursuant to subsection 6;  
25 and

26     (b) Maintain at least a 2.0 grade-point average on a 4.0 grading scale.

27     3. A millennium scholarship must be used only:

28     (a) For the payment of registration fees and laboratory fees and  
29 expenses;

30     (b) To purchase required textbooks and course materials; and

31     (c) For other costs related to the attendance of the student at the  
32 university, *state college* or community college.

33     4. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if a student drops  
34 out of school or fails to maintain at least a 2.0 grade-point average in any  
35 semester, the student shall repay the millennium scholarship before the  
36 student is eligible to receive an additional millennium scholarship or  
37 otherwise receive money pursuant to NRS 396.914 to 396.934, inclusive.  
38 The board of regents shall establish criteria for a waiver from the  
39 repayment required by this subsection, including, without limitation,  
40 service in the military and conditions of hardship such as medical  
41 necessity.

42     5. The board of regents shall certify a list of eligible students to the  
43 state treasurer. The state treasurer shall disburse a millennium scholarship  
44 for each semester on behalf of an eligible student directly to the community  
45 college, *state college* or university in which the student is enrolled, upon  
46 certification from the community college, *state college* or university of the  
47 number of credits for which the student is enrolled, which must meet or  
48 exceed the minimum number of credits required for eligibility and  
49 certification that the student is in good standing and making satisfactory



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1 academic progress toward a recognized degree or certificate, as determined  
2 by the board of regents pursuant to subsection 6. The scholarship must be  
3 administered by the community college , *state college* or university as  
4 other similar scholarships are administered and may be used only for the  
5 expenditures authorized pursuant to subsection 3.

6 6. The board of regents shall establish criteria for determining whether  
7 a student is making satisfactory academic progress toward a recognized  
8 degree or certificate for purposes of subsection 5.

9 **Sec. 4.** NRS 439.600 is hereby amended to read as follows:

10 439.600 1. The legislature hereby declares that its priorities in  
11 expending the proceeds to the State of Nevada from settlement agreements  
12 with and civil actions against manufacturers of tobacco products are:

13 (a) To increase the number of Nevada students who attend and graduate  
14 from Nevada institutions of higher education; and

15 (b) To assist Nevada residents in obtaining and maintaining good  
16 health.

17 2. To further these priorities, the legislature hereby declares that it is in  
18 the best interest of the residents of this state that all money received by the  
19 State of Nevada pursuant to any settlement entered into by the State of  
20 Nevada and a manufacturer of tobacco products and all money recovered  
21 by the State of Nevada from a judgment in a civil action against a  
22 manufacturer of tobacco products be dedicated solely toward the  
23 achievement of the following goals:

24 (a) Increasing the number of Nevada residents who enroll in and attend  
25 a university , *state college* or community college of the University and  
26 Community College System of Nevada;

27 (b) Reducing and preventing the use of tobacco products, alcohol and  
28 illegal drugs, especially by children;

29 (c) Expanding the availability of health insurance and health care for  
30 children and adults in this state, especially for children and for adults with  
31 disabilities;

32 (d) Assisting senior citizens who have modest incomes in purchasing  
33 prescription drugs and assisting those senior citizens in meeting their needs  
34 related to health care, home care, respite care and their ability to live  
35 independent of institutional care; and

36 (e) Promoting the general health of all residents of the State of Nevada.

37 **Sec. 5.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2001.

