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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—Makes various changes to provisions governing program for millennium
scholarships. (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 the program for millennium scholarships; expanding the program to
provide for the disbursement of scholarships to students of certain additional
colleges and universities in this state; increasing the amount of scholarships for
upper division courses at community colleges; eliminating the requirement that
the scholarship be repaid if a student drops out of school or fails to maintain a
certain grade-point average; 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.** Chapter 396 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a
2 new section to read as follows:
3 *“Eligible institution” means:*
4 1. *A university, state college or community college within the system;*
5 *or*
6 2. *Any other nonsectarian college or university that:*
7 (a) *Was originally established in, and is organized under the laws of,*
8 *this state;*
9 (b) *Is exempt from taxation pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3); and*
10 (c) *Is accredited by a regional accrediting agency recognized by the*
11 *United States Department of Education.*
12 **Sec. 2.** NRS 396.911 is hereby amended to read as follows:
13 396.911 1. The legislature hereby declares that its priorities in
14 expending the proceeds to the State of Nevada from settlement agreements
15 with and civil actions against manufacturers of tobacco products are:



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

3 (b) To assist Nevada residents in obtaining and maintaining good
4 health.

5 2. To further these priorities, the legislature hereby declares that it is in
6 the best interest of the residents of the State of Nevada that all money
7 received by the State of Nevada pursuant to any settlement entered into by
8 the State of Nevada and a manufacturer of tobacco products and all money
9 recovered by the State of Nevada from a judgment in a civil action against
10 a manufacturer of tobacco products be dedicated solely toward the
11 achievement of the following goals:

12 (a) Increasing the number of residents of the State of Nevada who enroll
13 in and attend a university, college or community college ~~of the University~~
14 ~~and Community College System~~ in the State of Nevada;

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

17 (c) Expanding the availability of health insurance and health care for
18 children and adults in this state, especially for children and for adults with
19 disabilities;

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

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

25 **Sec. 3.** NRS 396.914 is hereby amended to read as follows:

26 396.914 As used in NRS 396.914 to 396.938, inclusive, *and section 1*
27 *of this act*, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms
28 defined in NRS 396.918 and 396.922 *and section 1 of this act* have the
29 meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

30 **Sec. 4.** NRS 396.930 is hereby amended to read as follows:

31 396.930 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 2 and 3, a
32 student may apply to the board of regents for a millennium scholarship if
33 he:

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

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

37 (1) After May 1, 2000; and

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

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

42 (d) Is enrolled in at least ~~12 semester credit hours in a university or at~~
43 ~~least 6~~ :

44 (1) Six semester credit hours in a community college ~~+~~ within the
45 system; or

46 (2) Twelve semester credit hours in another eligible
47 institution.



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1 *A person who obtains a high school diploma by completing an*
2 *educational program for adults is not eligible to receive a millennium*
3 *scholarship.*

4 2. The board of regents shall:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 (b) Come from families who lack sufficient financial resources to pay
21 for the costs of sending their children to ~~a university or community~~
22 ~~college;~~ *an eligible institution;* or

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

25 **Sec. 5.** NRS 396.934 is hereby amended to read as follows:

26 396.934 1. Within the limits of money available in the trust fund, a
27 student who is eligible for a millennium scholarship is entitled to receive:

28 (a) If he is enrolled in a community college ~~+~~ *within the system,* \$40
29 per credit for *each lower division course and \$60 per credit for each*
30 *upper division course in* which the student is enrolled, or the amount of
31 money that is necessary for the student to pay the costs of attending the
32 community college that are not otherwise satisfied by other grants or
33 scholarships, whichever is less. *The board of regents shall provide for the*
34 *designation of upper and lower division courses for the purposes of this*
35 *paragraph.*

36 (b) *If he is enrolled in a state college within the system, \$60 per credit*
37 *for which the student is enrolled, or the amount of money that is*
38 *necessary for the student to pay the costs of attending the state college*
39 *that are not otherwise satisfied by other grants or scholarships,*
40 *whichever is less.*

41 (c) If he is enrolled in ~~a university;~~ *another eligible institution,* \$80
42 per credit for which the student is enrolled, or the amount of money that is
43 necessary for the student to pay the costs of attending the university that
44 are not otherwise satisfied by other grants or scholarships, whichever is
45 less.

46 No student may be awarded a scholarship for a total amount in excess of
47 \$10,000.

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



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1 (a) Make satisfactory academic progress toward a recognized degree or
2 certificate, as determined by the board of regents pursuant to subsection
3 ~~16-1 5~~; and

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

5 3. A millennium scholarship must be used only:

6 (a) For the payment of registration fees and laboratory fees and
7 expenses;

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

9 (c) For other costs related to the attendance of the student at the
10 ~~university or community college.~~

11 ~~4. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if a student drops~~
12 ~~out of school or fails to maintain at least a 2.0 grade point average in any~~
13 ~~semester, the student shall repay the millennium scholarship before the~~
14 ~~student is eligible to receive an additional millennium scholarship or~~
15 ~~otherwise receive money pursuant to NRS 396.914 to 396.934, inclusive.~~
16 ~~The board of regents shall establish criteria for a waiver from the~~
17 ~~repayment required by this subsection, including, without limitation,~~
18 ~~service in the military and conditions of hardship such a medical necessity.~~

19 ~~5-1 eligible institution.~~

20 4. The board of regents shall certify a list of eligible students to the
21 state treasurer. The state treasurer shall disburse a millennium scholarship
22 for each semester on behalf of an eligible student directly to the
23 ~~community college or university~~ *eligible institution* in which the student
24 is enrolled, upon certification from the ~~community college or university~~
25 *eligible institution* of the number of credits for which the student is
26 enrolled, which must meet or exceed the minimum number of credits
27 required for eligibility and certification that the student is in good standing
28 and making satisfactory academic progress toward a recognized degree or
29 certificate, as determined by the board of regents pursuant to subsection
30 ~~16-1 5~~. The scholarship must be administered by the ~~community college or~~
31 ~~university~~ *eligible institution* as other similar scholarships are
32 administered and may be used only for the expenditures authorized
33 pursuant to subsection 3.

34 ~~16-1 5~~. The board of regents shall establish criteria for determining
35 whether a student is making satisfactory academic progress toward a
36 recognized degree or certificate for purposes of subsection ~~15-1 4~~.

37 **Sec. 6.** NRS 439.600 is hereby amended to read as follows:

38 439.600 1. The legislature hereby declares that its priorities in
39 expending the proceeds to the State of Nevada from settlement agreements
40 with and civil actions against manufacturers of tobacco products are:

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

43 (b) To assist Nevada residents in obtaining and maintaining good
44 health.

45 2. To further these priorities, the legislature hereby declares that it is in
46 the best interest of the residents of this state that all money received by the
47 State of Nevada pursuant to any settlement entered into by the State of
48 Nevada and a manufacturer of tobacco products and all money recovered
49 by the State of Nevada from a judgment in a civil action against a



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1 manufacturer of tobacco products be dedicated solely toward the
2 achievement of the following goals:

3 (a) Increasing the number of Nevada residents who enroll in and attend
4 a university , college or community college ~~of the University and~~
5 ~~Community College System~~ in the State of Nevada;

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

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

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

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

16 **Sec. 7.** Section 10 of chapter 536, Statutes of Nevada 1999, at page
17 2753, is hereby amended to read as follows:

18 Sec. 10. On or before February 1, 2003, the board of regents of
19 the University of Nevada shall submit a report to the director of the
20 legislative counsel bureau for transmittal to the 72nd session of the
21 Nevada legislature that includes:

22 1. An examination of the projected enrollment of students in ~~the~~
23 ~~University and Community College System of~~ Nevada who will be
24 eligible for millennium scholarships;

25 2. An actuarial study to determine the approximate costs of
26 continuing the millennium scholarship program; and

27 3. A report setting forth any enhanced outreach efforts carried out
28 pursuant to subsection 4 of section 7 of this act.

29 **Sec. 8.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2001.

