

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 85—ASSEMBLYMEN GANSERT, HARDY, ALLEN, ANGLE, BUCKLEY, CHRISTENSEN, DENIS, GERHARDT, GRADY, HETTRICK, HOLCOMB, KIRKPATRICK, MABEY, MANENDO, MUNFORD, OCEGUERA, PARNELL, PIERCE, SHERER, SIBLEY, SMITH AND WEBER

FEBRUARY 18, 2005

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing eligibility for millennium scholarship. (BDR 34-804)

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; making completion of community service a condition to eligibility for a millennium scholarship; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

- 1 Existing law establishes millennium scholarships and the eligibility
- 2 requirements for receipt of such a scholarship. (NRS 396.911-396.938)
- 3 In addition to the other requirements for eligibility, this bill requires a student
- 4 to perform at least 20 hours of community service which meets certain criteria
- 5 established by the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada during the 4 years
- 6 before he first becomes eligible for a millennium scholarship. This requirement will
- 7 first apply to students who are eligible to receive a millennium scholarship on and
- 8 after June 1, 2008.

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

- 1 **Section 1.** NRS 396.930 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 396.930 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 2 and
- 3 3, a student may apply to the Board of Regents for a millennium
- 4 scholarship if he:



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

(b) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (c), graduated from a public or private high school in this State:

(1) After May 1, 2000, but not later than May 1, 2003; or

(2) After May 1, 2003, and, except as otherwise provided in paragraph (c) of subsection 2, not more than 6 years before he applies for the scholarship;

(c) Does not satisfy the requirements of paragraph (b) and:

(1) Was enrolled as a pupil in a public or private high school in this State with a class of pupils who were regularly scheduled to graduate after May 1, 2000;

(2) Received his high school diploma within 4 years after he was regularly scheduled to graduate; and

(3) Applies for the scholarship not more than 6 years after he was regularly scheduled to graduate from high school;

(d) Maintained in high school in the courses designated by the Board of Regents pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 2, at least:

(1) A 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 grading scale, if he was a member of the graduating class of 2003 or 2004;

(2) A 3.1 grade point average on a 4.0 grading scale, if he was a member of the graduating class of 2005 or 2006; or

(3) A 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 grading scale, if he was a member of the graduating class of 2007 or a later graduating class; ~~and~~

(e) *Is eligible for a millennium scholarship on or after June 1, 2008, submits a statement on or before June 1 of the year in which he will enroll in an eligible institution, which documents that he has performed at least 20 hours of community service for this State, a political subdivision of this State or a charitable organization that provides services to a community or the residents of a community in this State during the 4 years before he first becomes eligible for the scholarship; and*

(f) Is enrolled in at least:

(1) Six semester credit hours in a community college within the System; or

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

2. The Board of Regents:

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

(b) Shall designate the courses in which a student must earn the minimum grade point averages set forth in paragraph (d) of subsection 1.



(c) *Shall establish criteria for the performance of community service required by paragraph (e) of subsection 1 and a process of appeal for students who are unable to complete the community service.*

(d) May establish criteria with respect to students who have been on active duty serving in the Armed Forces of the United States to exempt such ~~student~~ *students* from the 6-year limitation on applications that is set forth in subparagraph (2) of paragraph (b) of subsection 1.

3. Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (c) of subsection 1, for students who did not graduate from a public or private high school in this State and who have been residents of this State for at least 2 years, the Board of Regents shall establish:

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

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

4. In awarding scholarships, the Board of Regents shall enhance its outreach to students who:

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

(b) Come from families who lack sufficient financial resources to pay for the costs of sending their children to an eligible institution; or

(c) Substantially participated in an antismoking, antidrug or antialcohol program during high school.

Sec. 2. The Board of Regents of the University of Nevada shall adopt the criteria required by paragraph (c) of subsection 2 of section 1 of this act on or before January 1, 2006. The Board of Regents shall ensure that the school districts in this State are provided with adequate notice of the criteria and otherwise provide for public dissemination of the criteria.

Sec. 3. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2005.



