

SENATE BILL NO. 109—SENATOR BEERS

FEBRUARY 19, 2007

Referred to Committee on Human Resources and Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing eligibility for receipt of a millennium scholarship. (BDR 34-472)

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

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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; eliminating the requirement that certain applicants for the millennium scholarship maintain a certain high school grade point average for receipt of the scholarship; requiring certain applicants to receive at least the statewide average score on certain college entrance examinations; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law governs the eligibility requirements for receipt of a millennium scholarship. (NRS 396.930) In addition to other requirements, certain applicants for a millennium scholarship are required by existing law to maintain at least a specified minimum grade point average in high school to be eligible for the scholarship. This bill eliminates the requirement of maintaining a specified grade point average and requires certain applicants to receive at least the statewide average score on the ACT or the SAT college entrance examinations.

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

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



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

~~— (1) A 3.00 grade point average on a 4.0 grading scale, if he was a member of the graduating class of 2003 or 2004;~~

~~— (2) A 3.10 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;]~~ ***Received at least the statewide average score on:***

(1) The ACT administered by ACT, Inc., including the multiple-choice test and the writing test; or

(2) The SAT administered by Educational Testing Services;

and

(e) 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.]~~ ***work in consultation with the Department to obtain accurate information concerning the statewide average score for the ACT and the SAT. If that information is not available for the current school year, the Board of Regents may use the statewide average score from the immediately preceding school year to determine an applicant's eligibility.***



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(c) 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 students from the 6-year limitation on applications that is set forth in subparagraph (2) of paragraph (b) of subsection 1.

(d) Shall establish criteria with respect to students who have a documented physical or mental disability or who were previously subject to an individualized education program under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1400 et seq., or a plan under Title V of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. §§ 791 et seq. The criteria must provide an exemption for those students from:

(1) The 6-year limitation on applications that is set forth in subparagraph (2) of paragraph (b) of subsection 1 and subparagraph (3) of paragraph (c) of subsection 1 and any limitation applicable to students who are eligible pursuant to subparagraph (1) of paragraph (b) of subsection 1.

(2) The minimum number of credits prescribed in paragraph (e) 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 provisions of this act apply to pupils who graduate from high school on and after the 2008-2009 school year.

Sec. 3. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2007.

