

SENATE BILL NO. 107—SENATOR SETTELMAYER

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Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship Program. (BDR 34-334)

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; revising provisions governing the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship Program; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law establishes the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship Program and prescribes the eligibility requirements for receipt of a Millennium Scholarship. (NRS 396.911-396.938) This bill revises the eligibility requirements by requiring a student to submit a completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA requires various information concerning an applicant, including the student's state of residence, marital status, income information and social security number or alien registration number, as applicable. This bill also removes the requirement that an applicant for a Millennium Scholarship submit an affidavit declaring his or her eligibility for the Scholarship, including information concerning whether the applicant is a United States citizen, is a lawful immigrant or otherwise intends to file an application to legalize his or her immigration status.

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 the student:
(a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (e) of subsection 2, has been a resident of this State for at least 2 years before the student applies for the Millennium Scholarship;



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(b) *Has submitted a Free Application for Federal Student Aid that is complete and accurate;*

(c) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph ~~(c)~~ (d), 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 paragraphs (c), (d) and (f) of subsection 2, not more than 6 years before the student applies for the Millennium Scholarship;

~~(c)~~ (d) Does not satisfy the requirements of paragraph ~~(b)~~ (c) 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 or her high school diploma within 4 years after he or she was regularly scheduled to graduate; and

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

~~(d)~~ (e) 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 the student 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 the student 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 the student was a member of the graduating class of 2007 or a later graduating class; and

~~(e)~~ (f) Is enrolled in at least:

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

(2) Twelve semester credit hours in another eligible institution; or

(3) A total of 12 or more semester credit hours in eligible institutions if the student is enrolled in more than one 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)~~ (e) of subsection 1.

(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



1 that is set forth in subparagraph (2) of paragraph ~~(b)~~ (c) of
2 subsection 1.

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

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

15 (2) The minimum number of credits prescribed in paragraph
16 ~~(e)~~ (f) of subsection 1.

17 (e) Shall establish criteria with respect to students who
18 have a parent or legal guardian on active duty in the Armed Forces
19 of the United States to exempt such students from the
20 residency requirement set forth in paragraph (a) of subsection 1 or
21 subsection 3.

22 (f) Shall establish criteria with respect to students who have
23 been actively serving or participating in a charitable, religious or
24 public service assignment or mission to exempt such students from
25 the 6-year limitation on applications that is set forth in subparagraph
26 (2) of paragraph ~~(b)~~ (c) of subsection 1. Such criteria must provide
27 for the award of Millennium Scholarships to those students who
28 qualify for the exemption and who otherwise meet the eligibility
29 criteria to the extent that money is available to award Millennium
30 Scholarships to the students after all other obligations for the award
31 of Millennium Scholarships for the current school year have been
32 satisfied.

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

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

40 (b) Other criteria that students must meet,
41 ➔ to be eligible for Millennium Scholarships.

42 4. In awarding Millennium Scholarships, the Board of Regents
43 shall enhance its outreach to students who:

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



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

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

6 ~~{5. The Board of Regents shall establish a procedure by which~~
7 ~~an applicant for a Millennium Scholarship is required to execute an~~
8 ~~affidavit declaring the applicant's eligibility for a Millennium~~
9 ~~Scholarship pursuant to the requirements of this section. The~~
10 ~~affidavit must include a declaration that the applicant is a citizen of~~
11 ~~the United States or has lawful immigration status, or that the~~
12 ~~applicant has filed an application to legalize the applicant's~~
13 ~~immigration status or will file an application to legalize his or her~~
14 ~~immigration status as soon as he or she is eligible to do so.}~~

15 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2011.

