

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 188—ASSEMBLYWOMAN DIAZ

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Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing the eligibility requirements for grants awarded under the Silver State Opportunity Grant Program. (BDR 34-869)

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; reducing the minimum number of credit hours required per semester for eligibility for a grant awarded under the Silver State Opportunity Grant Program; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

1 Existing law creates the Silver State Opportunity Grant Program. Under the  
2 Program, the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada is required to award  
3 grants to eligible students to pay for a portion of the cost of education at a  
4 community college or state college that is part of the Nevada System of Higher  
5 Education. One of the requirements for eligibility for such a grant is that a student  
6 be enrolled, or accepted to be enrolled, during a semester in at least 15 credit hours  
7 at a community college or state college that is part of the Nevada System of Higher  
8 Education. (NRS 396.952) This bill reduces the minimum number of such required  
9 credit hours to 9 credit hours.

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

- 1 **Section 1.** NRS 396.952 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2 396.952 1. The Silver State Opportunity Grant Program is  
3 hereby created for the purpose of awarding grants to eligible  
4 students to pay for a portion of the cost of education at a community  
5 college or state college within the System.  
6 2. The Board of Regents shall administer the Program.



1        3. In administering the Program, the Board of Regents shall for  
2 each semester, subject to the limits of money available for this  
3 purpose, award a grant to each eligible student to pay for a portion  
4 of the cost of education at a community college or state college  
5 within the System.

6        4. To be eligible for a grant awarded under the Program, a  
7 student must:

8        (a) Be enrolled, or accepted to be enrolled, during a semester in  
9 at least ~~11.5~~ 9 credit hours at a community college or state college  
10 within the System;

11        (b) Be enrolled in a program of study leading to a recognized  
12 degree or certificate;

13        (c) Demonstrate proficiency in English and mathematics  
14 sufficient for placement into college-level English and mathematics  
15 courses pursuant to regulations adopted by the Board of Regents for  
16 such placement;

17        (d) Be a bona fide resident of the State of Nevada for the  
18 purposes of determining pursuant to NRS 396.540 whether the  
19 student is assessed a tuition charge; and

20        (e) Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid  
21 provided for by 20 U.S.C. § 1090.

22        **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2017.

