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AN ACT relating to education; increasing the number of recipients to whom Kenny C. Guinn Memorial Millennium Scholarships are awarded each year; revising the eligibility requirements for the scholarships; increasing the maximum annual amount of money that may be awarded to a recipient; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires the Board of Trustees of the College Savings Plans of Nevada to annually award the Kenny C. Guinn Memorial Millennium Scholarship to: (1) one recipient who is a student enrolled at the University of Nevada, Reno, Great Basin College, Sierra Nevada College or any other college or university designated by the Board as representative of northern Nevada; and (2) one recipient who is a student enrolled at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Nevada State College or any other college or university designated by the Board as representative of southern Nevada. (NRS 396.945) This bill increases from two to four the number of recipients to whom the Board is required to award the Memorial Scholarship each year. This bill also provides that two of the recipients must be enrolled in colleges or universities in northern Nevada or in nonprofit universities that award a bachelor's degree in education to residents of northern Nevada and two of the recipients must be enrolled in colleges or universities in southern Nevada or in nonprofit universities that award a bachelor's degree in education to residents of southern Nevada. This bill further revises student eligibility requirements by allowing a student who is enrolled at an academic institution that does not use a grade point system to measure academic performance to submit evidence to the Board that demonstrates a level of academic achievement commensurate to the 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 grading scale that is required under existing law. This bill also increases from \$4,500 to \$5,000 the maximum amount that may be awarded annually to a recipient of the Memorial Scholarship.

EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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

Section 1. NRS 396.945 is hereby amended to read as follows:
396.945 1. The Board shall annually award the Memorial Scholarship to:

(a) ~~{One recipient who is a student}~~ ***Two recipients who are students*** enrolled at:

(1) The University of Nevada, Reno, Great Basin College or Sierra Nevada College; ~~for~~

(2) ***A nonprofit university which awards a bachelor's degree in education to residents of northern Nevada; or***



(3) Any other college or university which awards a bachelor's degree in education and which is designated by the Board as an institution representative of northern Nevada; and

(b) ~~{One recipient who is a student}~~ *Two recipients who are students* enrolled at:

(1) The University of Nevada, Las Vegas, or Nevada State College; ~~{or}~~

(2) *A nonprofit university which awards a bachelor's degree in education to residents of southern Nevada; or*

(3) Any other college or university which awards a bachelor's degree in education and which is designated by the Board as an institution representative of southern Nevada.

2. The Board shall establish additional criteria governing the annual selection of each recipient of the Memorial Scholarship, which must include, without limitation, a requirement that a recipient:

(a) Be in or entering his or her senior year at an academic institution described in subsection 1;

(b) ~~{Be on the list of eligible students}~~ *Satisfy the eligibility requirements* for a Millennium Scholarship ~~{which is certified to the State Treasurer pursuant to NRS 396.934;}~~ *set forth in NRS 396.930;*

(c) Have a college grade point average of not less than 3.5 on a 4.0 grading scale ~~{;}~~ *or, if enrolled at an academic institution that does not use a grade point system to measure academic performance, present evidence acceptable to the Board that demonstrates a commensurate level of academic achievement;*

(d) Have a declared major in elementary education or secondary education;

(e) Have a stated commitment to teaching in this State following graduation; and

(f) Have a ~~{commendable}~~ record of community service.

3. A student who satisfies the criteria established pursuant to this section may apply for a Memorial Scholarship by submitting an application to the Office of the State Treasurer on a form provided on the Internet website of the State Treasurer.

4. The State Treasurer shall forward all applications received pursuant to subsection 3 to the Board. The Board shall review and evaluate each application received from the State Treasurer and select each recipient of the Memorial Scholarship in accordance with the criteria established pursuant to this section.

5. To the extent of available money in the account established pursuant to NRS 396.940, the annual Memorial Scholarship may be



awarded to each selected recipient in an amount not to exceed ~~[\$4,500]~~ \$5,000 to pay the educational expenses of the recipient for the school year which are authorized by subsection 6 and which are not otherwise paid for by the Millennium Scholarship awarded to the recipient.

6. A Memorial Scholarship must be used only:

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

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

(c) For other costs related to the attendance of the student at the academic institution in which he or she is enrolled.

7. As used in this section, “Board” means the Board of Trustees of the College Savings Plans of Nevada created by NRS 353B.005.

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2019.

