

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 443—COMMITTEE
ON COMMERCE AND LABOR

(ON BEHALF OF THE JOINT INTERIM STANDING
COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND LABOR)

MARCH 27, 2023

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Expands the institutions which certain recipients of the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship are authorized to attend. (BDR 34-352)

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 higher education; authorizing the use of a Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship for a course of study at an institution for which the completion of a clinical program located in this State is required; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law authorizes a student to receive a Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship if the student meets certain eligibility requirements, including, without limitation, enrolling in a certain number of credit hours in eligible institutions. (NRS 396.930) Existing law defines an “eligible institution” as: (1) a university, state college or community college within the Nevada System of Higher Education; or (2) any other nonsectarian college or university that was originally established in, and is organized under the laws of, this State, is exempt from taxation pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3) and is accredited by a regional accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education. (NRS 396.916)

Section 1 of this bill includes as an eligible institution for the Millennium Scholarship an accredited, tax exempt, nonsectarian college or university that operates a clinical program within this State in which students enrolled in the college or university receive training. **Section 2** of this bill makes a student eligible for a Millennium Scholarship if the student enrolls in at least 12 semester credit hours in a course of study at such a college or university for which the completion of a clinical program located in this State is required.



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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 396.916 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 396.916 “Eligible institution” means:

3 1. A university, state college or community college within the
4 System; or

5 2. Any other nonsectarian college or university that:

6 (a) Was originally established in, and is organized under the
7 laws of, this ~~[state;]~~ *State, or operates a clinical program within*
8 *this State in which students enrolled in the college or university*
9 *receive training;*

10 (b) Is exempt from taxation pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3);
11 and

12 (c) Is accredited by a regional accrediting agency recognized by
13 the United States Department of Education.

14 **Sec. 2.** NRS 396.930 is hereby amended to read as follows:

15 396.930 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 2 and
16 4, a student may apply to the Board of Regents for a Millennium
17 Scholarship if the student:

18 (a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (e) of subsection
19 2, has been a resident of this State for at least 2 years before the
20 student applies for the Millennium Scholarship;

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

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

24 (2) After May 1, 2003, and, except as otherwise provided in
25 paragraphs (c), (d) and (f) of subsection 2, not more than 6 years
26 before the student applies for the Millennium Scholarship;

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

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

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

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

36 (d) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (e), maintained in
37 high school in the courses designated by the Board of Regents
38 pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 2, at least:

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

41 (2) A 3.10 grade point average on a 4.0 grading scale, if the
42 student was a member of the graduating class of 2005 or 2006; or



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

4 (e) Does not satisfy the requirements of paragraph (d) and
5 received at least the minimum score established by the Board of
6 Regents on a college entrance examination approved by the Board
7 of Regents that was administered to the student while the student
8 was enrolled as a pupil in a public or private high school in this
9 State; and

10 (f) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 396.158, is enrolled in
11 at least:

12 (1) Nine semester credit hours in a community college within
13 the System;

14 (2) Twelve semester credit hours in another eligible
15 institution ~~[-or]~~ *originally established in and organized under the*
16 *laws of this State or in a course of study at an eligible institution*
17 *for which the completion of a clinical program located in this*
18 *State is required; or*

19 (3) A total of 12 or more semester credit hours in eligible
20 institutions *described in paragraph (b)* if the student is enrolled in
21 more than one eligible institution.

22 2. The Board of Regents:

23 (a) Shall define the core curriculum that a student must complete
24 in high school to be eligible for a Millennium Scholarship.

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

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

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

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

44 (2) The minimum number of credits prescribed in paragraph
45 (f) of subsection 1.



1 (e) Shall establish criteria with respect to students who have a
2 parent or legal guardian on active duty in the Armed Forces of the
3 United States to exempt such students from the residency
4 requirement set forth in paragraph (a) of subsection 1 or
5 subsection 4.

6 (f) Shall establish criteria with respect to students who have
7 been actively serving or participating in a charitable, religious or
8 public service assignment or mission to exempt such students from
9 the 6-year limitation on applications that is set forth in subparagraph
10 (2) of paragraph (b) of subsection 1. Such criteria must provide for
11 the award of Millennium Scholarships to those students who qualify
12 for the exemption and who otherwise meet the eligibility criteria to
13 the extent that money is available to award Millennium Scholarships
14 to the students after all other obligations for the award of
15 Millennium Scholarships for the current school year have been
16 satisfied.

17 3. If the Board of Regents requires a student to successfully
18 complete courses in mathematics or science to be eligible for a
19 Millennium Scholarship, a student who has successfully completed
20 one or more courses in computer science described in NRS
21 389.0186 must be allowed to apply not more than one unit of credit
22 received for the completion of such courses toward that
23 requirement.

24 4. Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (c) of subsection
25 1, for students who did not graduate from a public or private high
26 school in this State and who, except as otherwise provided in
27 paragraph (e) of subsection 2, have been residents of this State for at
28 least 2 years, the Board of Regents shall establish:

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

31 (b) Other criteria that students must meet,
32 ↪ to be eligible for Millennium Scholarships.

33 5. In awarding Millennium Scholarships, the Board of Regents
34 shall enhance its outreach to students who:

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

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

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

41 6. The Board of Regents shall establish a procedure by which
42 an applicant for a Millennium Scholarship is required to execute an
43 affidavit declaring the applicant's eligibility for a Millennium
44 Scholarship pursuant to the requirements of this section.



1 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2023.

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