HOUSE BILL No. 1064

DIGEST OF HB 1064 (Updated January 28, 2019 2:15 pm - DI 116)


Synopsis: Ivy Tech Community College. Establishes the Ivy Tech Community College public safety officer scholarship program. Provides that a public safety officer may be eligible for a scholarship for educational costs of completing a certificate program or associate degree program at Ivy Tech Community College. Establishes the Ivy Tech public safety scholarship fund.

Effective: July 1, 2019.

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January 3, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Veterans Affairs and Public Safety.
January 24, 2019, amended, reported — Do Pass.
January 28, 2019, read second time, amended, ordered engrossed.
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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning higher education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 21-13-12 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]:

Chapter 12. Ivy Tech Public Safety Scholarships

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "fund" refers to the Ivy Tech public safety scholarship fund established by section 4 of this chapter.

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "public safety officer" has the meaning set forth in IC 21-14-1-6.

Sec. 3. (a) The Ivy Tech Community College public safety officer scholarship program is established to provide students who:

(1) attend Ivy Tech Community College; and

(2) are public safety officers;

a scholarship to assist in completing a certificate program or an associate degree program at Ivy Tech Community College.

(b) Ivy Tech Community College shall administer the program.

Sec. 4. (a) This section applies after June 30, 2021.

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(b) The Ivy Tech public safety scholarship fund is established.
(c) The purpose of the fund is to provide scholarships under this chapter after June 30, 2021.
(d) The fund consists of:
   (1) appropriations to the fund; and
   (2) gifts, grants, devises, or bequests made to the state to achieve the purposes of the fund.
(e) The fund shall be administered by Ivy Tech Community College. The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from money in the fund.
Sec. 5. (a) An applicant is eligible to receive a scholarship under this chapter if the following conditions are met:
   (1) The applicant is domiciled in Indiana, as defined by Ivy Tech Community College.
   (2) The applicant must provide proof of employment as a public safety officer, in a manner prescribed by Ivy Tech Community College. If the applicant is a member of a volunteer fire department, the chief of the volunteer fire department of which the applicant is a member must certify to Ivy Tech Community College, in a manner prescribed by Ivy Tech Community College, that the applicant is a member of the volunteer fire department.
   (3) The applicant:
      (A) has received a high school diploma;
      (B) has been granted a:
         (i) high school equivalency certificate before July 1, 1995; or
         (ii) state of Indiana general educational development (GED) diploma under IC 20-10.1-12.1 (before its repeal) or IC 20-20-6 (before its repeal), or an Indiana high school equivalency diploma under IC 22-4.1-18; or
      (C) is a student in good standing who is completing a final year of study at a school described in subdivision (4) and will be eligible upon graduation to attend an approved institution of higher learning.
   (4) The applicant is enrolled in a certificate program or associate degree program at Ivy Tech Community College.
   (5) The applicant has correctly filed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and, if eligible for aid, accepts all offered federal scholarships and grants.
   (6) The applicant maintains satisfactory academic progress, as determined by Ivy Tech Community College.

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(7) The applicant meets any other minimum criteria established by Ivy Tech Community College.

(b) If the demand for a scholarship under this chapter exceeds the amount that Ivy Tech Community College determines is available to provide scholarships under this chapter, Ivy Tech Community College shall prioritize the applicants identified as independent as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Sec. 6. (a) The amount of a scholarship under this chapter is equal to one (1) of the following:

(1) If the applicant does not receive financial assistance, excluding loans, the amount is equal to the educational costs (as defined in IC 21-7-13-14) of Ivy Tech Community College.

(2) If the applicant receives financial assistance, excluding loans, the amount is equal to the educational costs (as defined in IC 21-7-13-14) of Ivy Tech Community College minus the financial assistance received by the applicant.

(b) An applicant may use a scholarship awarded under this chapter only to pay the educational costs (as defined by IC 21-7-13-14) of courses required for the applicant's certificate program or associate degree program.
COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Veterans Affairs and Public Safety, to which was referred House Bill 1064, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

(SEE TEXT OF BILL)

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1064 as introduced.)

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Committee Vote: yeas 12, nays 0.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that House Bill 1064 be amended to read as follows:

Page 3, delete lines 1 through 2.
Page 3, line 3, delete "(8)" and insert "(7)".
Page 3, delete lines 24 through 29.

(Reference is to HB 1064 as printed January 25, 2019.)

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