

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 11—ASSEMBLYMAN SETTELMAYER

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Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship Program. (BDR 34-388)

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:

1 Existing law establishes the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship Program.
2 (NRS 396.911-396.938) In addition to the existing eligibility requirements for a
3 Millennium Scholarship, this bill requires a student to submit a completed Free
4 Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA requires various
5 information concerning an applicant, including the student’s state of residence,
6 marital status, income information and social security number or alien registration
7 number, as applicable. This bill also removes the requirement that an applicant for a
8 Millennium Scholarship submit an affidavit declaring his eligibility for the
9 Scholarship, including information concerning whether the applicant is a United
10 States citizen, is a lawful immigrant or otherwise intends to file an application to
11 legalize his immigration status. (NRS 396.930)

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 396.930 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 396.930 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 2 and
3 3, a student may apply to the Board of Regents for a Millennium
4 Scholarship if he:
5 (a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (e) of subsection
6 2, has been a resident of this State for at least 2 years before he
7 applies for the Millennium Scholarship;



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

3 (c) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph ~~[(e)]~~ (d),
4 graduated from a public or private high school in this State:

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

6 (2) After May 1, 2003, and, except as otherwise provided in
7 paragraph (c) of subsection 2, not more than 6 years before he
8 applies for the Millennium Scholarship;

9 ~~[(e)]~~ (d) Does not satisfy the requirements of paragraph ~~[(b)]~~ (c)
10 and:

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

14 (2) Received his high school diploma within 4 years after he
15 was regularly scheduled to graduate; and

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

18 ~~[(d)]~~ (e) Maintained in high school in the courses designated by
19 the Board of Regents pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 2, at
20 least:

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

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

25 (3) A 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 grading scale, if he
26 was a member of the graduating class of 2007 or a later graduating
27 class; and

28 ~~[(e)]~~ (f) Is enrolled in at least:

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

31 (2) Twelve semester credit hours in another eligible
32 institution.

33 2. The Board of Regents:

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

36 (b) Shall designate the courses in which a student must earn the
37 minimum grade point averages set forth in paragraph ~~[(d)]~~ (e) of
38 subsection 1.

39 (c) May establish criteria with respect to students who have been
40 on active duty serving in the Armed Forces of the United States to
41 exempt such students from the 6-year limitation on applications
42 that is set forth in subparagraph (2) of paragraph ~~[(b)]~~ (c) of
43 subsection 1.



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

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

13 (2) The minimum number of credits prescribed in paragraph
14 ~~[(e)] (f)~~ of subsection 1.

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

20 3. Except as otherwise provided in paragraph ~~[(e)] (d)~~ of
21 subsection 1, for students who did not graduate from a public or
22 private high school in this State and who, except as otherwise
23 provided in paragraph (e) of subsection 2, have been residents of
24 this State for at least 2 years, the Board of Regents shall establish:

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

27 (b) Other criteria that students must meet,
28 → to be eligible for Millennium Scholarships.

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

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

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

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

37 ~~5. The Board of Regents shall establish a procedure by which
38 an applicant for a Millennium Scholarship is required to execute an
39 affidavit declaring his eligibility for a Millennium Scholarship
40 pursuant to the requirements of this section. The affidavit must
41 include a declaration that the applicant is a citizen of the United
42 States or has lawful immigration status, or that the applicant has
43 filed an application to legalize his immigration status or will file an
44 application to legalize his immigration status as soon as he is
45 eligible to do so.]~~



1 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2009.

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